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Weekend decision on Mr Stonehouse's future in Australia

A decision on Mr John Stonehouse's request to stay in Australia will be made today or tomorrow, the Australian Minister for Immigration said in Melbourne yesterday. The Labour MP disappeared from Miami last month. Yesterday his secretary said in London that she knew some of the people Mr Stonehouse was probably thinking of when he claimed that he was the victim of blackmail and smear campaigns which had led to a "brainstorm" and his desire to assume a new identity.

'Even chance' of his staying

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, Dec 27

Mr Clyde Cameron, the Australian Minister for Immigration, said here today that he would give a decision within the next 48 hours on the future in Australia of Mr John Stonehouse, the British Labour MP.

He said there was an even chance that Mr Stonehouse would be permitted to remain, if he wished to do so, provided he could prove he was a member of the House of Commons. As such he would be exempt from any part of the Immigration Act requiring him to have an entry permit. As a British Labour MP he would be welcomed by the Australian Government.

Mr Cameron said that as far as he was aware Mr Stonehouse had not committed any offence in Australia.

Mr Stonehouse remained today at the Commonwealth detention centre in a Melbourne suburb, where he was visited by his wife.

Mr J. A. Patterson, his lawyer in Melbourne, told reporters he had been in touch with officials of the immigration department and had assured them that his client could be positively identified at once.

He pointed out that the Victorian and the Commonwealth police had positively identified Mr Stonehouse and he had not denied his identity. Mr Patterson said that if Mr Stonehouse was released he would probably find a place to live in Australia. His wife would join him.

Staff Reporters write: Mr James Charlton, the man who last saw Mr Stonehouse, the MP for Walsall, North, ten minutes before he disappeared from a Miami beach on November 20, is expected to break his silence in a statement that could unravel the final threads of the mystery.

A business associate of the man who is acting chairman of London Capital Securities in Mr Stonehouse's absence said yesterday that Mr Charlton would be producing the statement soon. It could shed light on the mysterious figure who wrote to Mr Stonehouse in Australia during the MP's four-week disappearance.

Mr Charlton, a barrister, who is expected to assume the chairmanship of London Capital Securities, stayed at a secret address with friends during Christmas after ordering his staff to keep silent on the affair. An associate said yesterday: "He remains totally unperturbed by the affair and is choosing his time to speak."

Mrs Sheila Buckley at her parents' home yesterday.

Mr Charlton has not spoken to police since Mr Stonehouse, aged 49, was arrested in Australia.

Police in Britain are keeping a watching brief on the situation in Australia before making inquiries in Britain. They will then be investigating Mr Stonehouse's claims that he was being blackmailed in Britain and that this led to the "brainstorm" which forced him to disappear while in Miami on business with Mr Charlton.

Mr William Molloy, Labour MP for Ealing, North, and a former parliamentary private secretary of Mr Stonehouse, called yesterday for an investigation of the allegations by Mr Stonehouse, which have amazed business associates of the former minister. One theory is that Mr Stonehouse has exaggerated what are largely business pressures.

Mrs Sheila Buckley, his secretary, however, insists that he was being blackmailed and that that and smear campaigns led to his urge to start a new life in Australia.

Mrs Buckley, who is 28, said Mr Stonehouse had been under great pressure, and added: "He looked considerably older. He was obviously suffering a great deal."

She would not say whether the alleged blackmail was in fact business pressures, but added: "He spoke of blackmail and I merely confirmed that this was the case."

Mrs Buckley, who was speaking at her parents' home in Abbey Wood, South-east London, said that she had not been seen by the police, but she would be happy to talk to them

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Rail fares to rise 12½pc next month

By a Staff Reporter

British Rail fares will go up by an average of 12½ per cent on January 26, barely seven months after a similar increase last summer. A further increase is likely, within a few months to contain the railways' mounting deficit.

The first increase had been widely expected and only its timing was in doubt. In spite of a 12½ percent rise in fares and freight charges in June, which yielded £70m extra, British Rail still expects to end this year with a deficit of about £150m.

The January fare increases are expected to raise income by [illegible]. The three railway unions are also about to lodge a claim for substantial wage increases. A further fare increase before summer is thus almost inevitable.

In London and the South-east, some fares for shorter journeys will be increased by a smaller amount or left at present level until London Transport fares go up in March.

Most other rail fares, season tickets, ordinary, day and weekend returns will go up by 12½ per cent and some Inter-City single fares by 15 per cent. Economy and 17-day returns will also go up by 15 per cent.

A day-return fare from London to Brighton will go up from £1.75 to £1.8; from London to Bishop's Stortford from 90p to £1; and from London to Guildford from £1 to £1.08. A quarterly season ticket from London to Brighton will be increased from £70.20 to £79 and from London to Guildford from £54 to £60.8.

Under the new increases the ordinary return fare from London to Aberdeen will rise from £21.07 to £2.73; from London to Glasgow or Edinburgh from £17.08 to £1.24; from London to Newcastle upon Tyne from £13.40 to £1[illegible]09; and from London to Liverpool or Manchester from £10.23 to £11.53.

Many other rail charges will also be increased. Parcel rates will go up by an average of 12½ per cent tomorrow. Sleeper berths will be increased from £3.60 to £4 (first class) and from £2.40 to £2.70 (second class), from January 26.

Platform tickets will be doubled to 4p, and 2p will be charged for the use of station lavatories. Car parking and luggage in advance charges will also be raised. The Price Commission is considering a separate application for an increase in rail catering charges.

The increases will only help to reduce the size of British [illegible] for any improvement in services. No new rolling stock and only minimal improvements to stations are planned on Southern Region, where, on the admission of Mr Richard Marsh, chairman of the railways board, passengers are already travelling in conditions unfit for cattle.

Outside the South-east, rail travellers can look forward to brighter prospects. In March a prototype of a high-speed train will start running between Paddington and Bristol and South Wales. Fifty-nine high-speed trains are being built for the Western Region and for main-line services to Yorkshire, the North-east and eastern Scotland.

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Displaced: Mrs M. Gatis, one of the thousands of refugees flown out of devastated Darwin, clutches her daughters, aged three and 14 months, as she is about to board a rescue aircraft yesterday.

Australia takes up challenge of rebuilding ravaged Darwin

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, Dec 27

Dr Cairns, the Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, returned to Melbourne today, after a day spent inspecting the devastation in Darwin. Red eyed and weary, Dr Cairns was emotionally disturbed by what he had seen and heard, and his face showed signs of strain.

He told reporters: "Darwin has been completely devastated. The rebuilding of the city will be the greatest national challenge the Australian people have faced in 30 years. We must not fail.

"Darwin will be rebuilt, but not necessarily on the same site. It will have to be better planned than the destroyed [illegible] on the most [illegible] lines calculated to withstand such a dreadful ordeal in the future. Much thought will have to be given to this aspect of the new city that will arise out of the wreckage of the old one.

"It is too important historically and strategically as the gateway to Australia. It will cost at least $A250m (£141m) to reconstruct the residential section of the city and the cost will have to be shared by all Australia as a nation. We will all help. Government and Opposition must join together in this matter.

"I was horrified by the extent of the disaster. The whole place is a shambles. Power and telephone lines have been flattened, trees have been stripped of their leaves and in some cases even the bark, and there is hardly a building in the city of 40,000 residents which has escaped damage; 90 per cent of the homes have been wrecked. Darwin looks like Hiroshima.

"Nearly 50 people are dead and the authorities fear more bodies will be found buried under the debris." Dr Cairns went on. "Gradually the work of clearing away the wreckage, bringing in necessary supplies to get the facilities working again, and moving out by air some of the homeless, the sick and the injured is being stepped up.

"I found the spirit of the Darwin people generally won- [illegible] by the magnitude of [illegible] done by the cyclone but they seem determined to help with the job of rebuilding the city."

Mr Whitlam, the Prime Minister, arrived in Perth late today from London. He will fly to Darwin tomorrow for the day and then go on to Sydney where he has called a meeting of the Cabinet for Monday to discuss measures to cope with the aftermath of the cyclone.

The Prince of Wales today sent the following message to Sir John Kerr, the Governor-General: "Please convey my deepest sympathy to the relatives of all those who lost their lives in the terrible storm in Darwin and to those who are homeless. My thoughts are with those who are struggling to create some order after what must have been absolute chaos."

The Governor-General has received messages of sympathy from all over the world to pass on to the people of Darwin.

In the stricken city dozens of aircraft have been flying out hundreds of refugees and bringing in much needed supplies.

A British submarine is also expected in tomorrow with special power, lighting and other equipment.

It was announced today that 25 of the 45 people known to have been killed by the cyclone have been identified. Among the dead were three babies and five children. A few of the buildings left standing were to- [illegible] ing with a navigation aid, limited air traffic control facilities and lights on the main runway.

Doctors and nurses were today giving residents injections against tetanus, typhoid, smallpox and cholera. With the high humidity and temperatures, disease has become a real threat. Many people have not been able to wash for three days and a hot bath has been out of the question.

Among the supplies flown in today were milk and beer. This will help to relieve the strain of the water shortage until the

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£1,000 grant to the Queen for cottages

From Our Correspondent
King's Lynn

The Queen is to be given £1,000 from public funds to convert two cottages into one on the 20,000-acre Sandringham estate, it was disclosed yesterday. West Norfolk District Council is making its first improvement grant to the Queen since it came into being in April under local government reorganization.

The Queen owns 350 cottages at Sandringham, which is a private possession of the Royal Family. In recent years she has carried out extensive modernization of cottages on the estate.

Mr Bryan Beaumont, the council's chief environmental health officer, said yesterday: "We dealt with this application in the same way as we would from any other person. It concerns a couple of old cottages at Appleton. They are in very poor condition and are being converted into one decent dwelling for use by a farm worker.

"Some of the old outbuildings are being knocked down and a certain amount of building is being done. This will provide a sitting room, dining room, kitchen and utility room downstairs and four bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs. The total cost of the work is vastly in excess of the grant of £1,000."

The Queen, who is going to Sandringham today for a four-week holiday, will stay in a property which she has modernized for herself. It is the six-bedroom Wood Farm House, at Wolferton, two miles from Sandringham. The farmhouse was falling into disrepair when the Queen took it over and restored it.

The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward will stay at Wood Farm because 91 rooms at Sandringham House have been demolished and 18 are being rebuilt to make it more economical. It is believed the scheme, including other repairs, is costing the Queen well over £250,000.

Mr and Mrs Wilson land in a gale

The Prime Minister, with Mrs Wilson and their younger son, Giles, landed by helicopter at St Mary's, in the Isles of Scilly, in a gale yesterday. They are spending about a week on the islands during the Christmas recess.

The family had travelled to Penzance by [illegible] in a Royal Naval helicopter.

Early yesterday the Scillies were lashed by winds of over 75 mph, with thunder, lightning and torrential rain. More damage was caused on Thursday night by heavy rain and wind in most parts of Wales. Roofs and chimneys were damaged and many houses were flooded in Cardiff and the Rhondda yesterday. Roads were flooded in South Wales.

The Meteorological Office said areas worst affected were the South and South-west. On the coast, there had been 50 mph gusts. On the mainland the fiercest gust reached 80 mph.

Gold at record high on London market

Gold rose to record levels in the London bullion market yesterday. The closing price of $195½ was $3 up on its last quote, on Christmas Eve. There was a surprising amount of business in view of the closeness to the Christmas holiday. Expectations that there will be considerable speculative interest in the metal when it becomes possible for American citizens to own gold in the new year proved an encouragement to buying. Senator William Proxmire, who is expected to be the next chairman of the Senate banking committee, described the present government plan to sell two million ounces on January 6 as "far too feeble". He said that he would seek legislation requiring the Treasury to sell 25 million ounces during 1975. **Page 17**

China queries value of U S links

The Chinese leadership appears to be questioning the value of too much dependence on the West for support in view of the events of the past year, writes David Bonavia. After the disappointment of the growing accord between the Russians and the Americans, Peking has begun playing down its fears of the Soviet Union. **Page 4**

Educational ship is withdrawn

Rising operating costs have forced P & O to take out of service the educational cruise ship Nevasa, thus disappointing thousands of schoolchildren booked to sail on board her next year. The group say the decision will mean they will be able to keep running the Uganda, their other educational cruise ship. **Page 2**

Ceasefire hitch

The Ulster Defence Association, largest of the Protestant paramilitary groups, says it rejected a Provisional IRA offer of peace talks before the ceasefire announcement. **Page 2**

Rain halts Test

Two hours and 20 minutes of play were lost in the third Test match in Melbourne yesterday because of bad light and rain. Australia have scored 63 for no wicket in reply to England's 242 all out. **Page 13**

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Nine killed in train collision at Lisbon

Lisbon, Dec 27.—Two trains collided outside Lisbon's main railway station today, killing nine people and injuring 65. One train was slowing down to come into the Santa Apolonia station and the other had just pulled out for the northern town of Coimbra when the accident happened.

First reports from a fire brigade chief, who went to the scene, said at least 15 people had died; but this was later amended by other officials. Eyewitnesses said the collision occurred after the last coach of the north-bound train jumped the rails and crashed into the oncoming one. Radio stations immediately appealed for nurses and doctors to report to their nearest hospitals to help to treat the injured.

The train bound for Coimbra was filled with soldiers on leave who were going to spend the New Year with their families. Many of them helped in the rescue work. One soldier, Corporal José Joaquim Lopes, said it was a miracle that he had not been killed.

"I suddenly found myself with my left leg stuck underneath a seat. There were many people on top of me. I started screaming for people to let me out, but some could not move because they were dead."—Reuter.

Jack Benny dies

Beverly Hills, California, Dec 27.—Jack Benny, the comedian, died last night of stomach cancer. He was 80, though he claimed he was 39 years old right up to the day he died.—Reuter.

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Freedom of press 'under attack on all fronts'

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, Dec 27

The freedom of the press is under attack on all fronts, the International Press Institute (IPI), Zurich, reports in its annual survey.

The institute's director, Mr Ernest Meyer, says: "The press, in fighting for survival as a many-voiced instrument in the service of the citizen, is fighting for the freedom of the peoples of the world.

"The result of this fight will be victory for press and citizen so long as democracy and the press within the democratic system go on believing in the value of institutions which guarantee this freedom."

In many countries, too, the effects of the economic crisis raised the question whether, even apart from the issue of freedom of expression, many newspapers could survive.

The situation was aggravated by industrial conflicts previously of secondary importance but now with consequences that could prove fatal for newspapers "already weakened by soaring production costs and sagging advertising income".

On the positive side, the survey mentions the role of "the American press as a whole, and broadcasting to a large degree", in the Watergate affair, and the regaining of press freedom in Portugal and Greece and the improvement in Turkey brought about by the change from a state of emergency to democracy.

On the situation in Britain, the survey cites remarks by Mr John Bonfield, general secretary of the National Graphical Association, made when the establishment of a royal commission was announced: "Everyone there [Fleet Street] seems to live in a world of his own. There is talk of overmanning and there is no doubt that it exists . . . every now and then there is a scare about closure. But they never seem to believe it can happen. Even when it does, they soon settle back into the old routine."

Redesigned £10 note to be released shortly

A redesigned £10 note is to be issued early in the new year. It will be followed later by a slightly altered £1 note. The new notes will complete the changes planned in the late 1960s to cut production costs, make way for the £20 note and introduce new techniques to combat forgers.

The Bank of England brought in the £20 note in July, 1970, and a new £5 design in November of that year.

The identity of the historical figure to appear on the reverse face to the Queen on the £10 note is a closely guarded secret.

Inflation has played a large part in the wider use of banknotes. An increasing number of £5, £10 and £20 notes are being handled. There are 577 million £5 notes in circulation and 913 million £1 notes in issue.

When the £10 note was first introduced the issue was only £95m. Now there is £775m and the £20 note total has grown to £381m. The sum of notes at present is £5,793m, nearly £800m more than last year.

40 French miners killed by explosion 15 minutes after starting shift

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Dec 27

At least 40 coal miners were killed early today by an underground explosion soon after they had begun the morning shift down the Lens mine at Liévin, near Béthune, in northern France.

Six other miners were later rescued by pit volunteers and taken to local hospitals badly injured. Bodies were dug from under great masses of earth.

The miners, from a small town of 30,000 inhabitants, a typical centre of the grim Pas-de-Calais coal mining region, had all gone back to the pits this morning after five days' Christmas break. At 6.15 am, only 15 minutes after they were at the pit face, about 2,000ft underground, they were all dead.

The death toll was announced officially by a Béthune examining magistrate. Charbonnages de France, the French state coal board, has not made any statement on the disaster.

President Giscard d'Estaing sent a message of sympathy to the dead miners' families and ordered M Michel d'Ornano, his Minister of Industry, to visit the mine.

The cause of the blast is believed to be either a coal-dust explosion, due to an accumulation of coal particles in the atmosphere underground, or fire-damp, the explosive built up from carburetted hydrogen in the air.

Surviving miners were not able to give any conclusive impressions and investigators were examining both possibilities.

An official of the management, the Houillères du Pas de Calais, emphasized that the night shift down the same pit had reported only a very weak fire-damp coefficient. "There is no explanation for this catastrophe", he said.

"Suddenly everything blew up in the mine", was all that a survivor could say as he was brought out by rescuers. "What happened was horrible."

The explosion hampered the rescuers getting out the survivors but, throughout the morning, the death toll climbed slowly and the size of the tragedy became clear as miners' families gathered around the pithead.

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Newspapers in Italy halted

Rome, Dec 27.—Italians will be without newspapers until Monday because of a 48-hour strike begun today over pay.

The strike, also affecting news agencies, follows disruption in newspaper production for most of the past two weeks caused by printers and journalists staging lightning strikes.—Reuter.

£90m oil damage

Tokyo, Dec 27.—The Japanese Government decided today to set up an emergency headquarters to fight an oil slick which has contaminated more than 100 miles of shore along the Inland Sea. The damage to the fishing industry was put at about £90m.—Reuter.

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UDA says it rejected peace talks with Provisionals before the Christmas ceasefire

From Stewart Tendler
Belfast

The largest of the Protestant paramilitary groups claimed yesterday to have rebuffed a proposal for peace talks sent by the Provisional IRA a few days before the ceasefire was announced.

A senior official of the Ulster Defence Association said that Mr Seamus Twomey, a high ranking member of the Provisionals' army council, suggested talks with Mr Andy Tyre, a UDA commander. The approach is said to have been made on December 17 to the UDA's offices in Shankill Road, and suggests that Mr Twomey, a former IRA commander in Belfast, may have been in the city at the time.

The ceasefire began last Sunday at midnight, but was announced on December 20, and Mr Twomey could have been discussing it in Belfast earlier in the week.

The UDA officer said the offer of talks was rejected because the paramilitary groups have agreed among themselves not to confer with the Provisionals, although they have done so on several occasions. The UDA feels that a ceasefire is a matter for the British Government rather than itself. Certainly any "loyalist" group that talked to the Provisionals could expect heavy criticism if the fact was disclosed.

Republican sources said yesterday that an approach might have been made, inspired by suggestions from Protestant church leaders who met the Provisionals and initiated the ceasefire moves.

The aim of talks between the IRA and UDA may have been to prevent a fresh outbreak of sectarian killings jeopardizing the ceasefire. It is known that *whatever may have happened* last week, a message was sent to the loyalist paramilitary groups on the day the ceasefire was announced, calling on them to prevent fresh murders. So far none has been reported.

Mr Twomey possibly also wished to explain the Provisionals' current political thinking to the UDA and explore its views on a longer ceasefire.

Today marks the sixth day of the ceasefire and since Sunday the only report from the Army has been an incident in Londonderry when a patrol was fired on, on Christmas Eve.

The Army's headquarters at Lisburn say it was a quieter Christmas than usual. Republicans say that in some districts of Belfast soldiers have not been in evidence, but in others, more seem to have been on patrol. The Republicans say the only incidents they know of have been two attempts at arrests in Clonard and Andersonstown.

Apart from a dying man found on Boxing Day, the RUC has been engaged in such mundane matters as Christmas car accidents and customers vehemently dissatisfied with a Wombles show. Yesterday the RUC stood guard over the Belfast cinema where the show had appeared after customers demanded their money back and became angry when they were told that was not possible until the banks opened next week. The show has been scrapped.

Mr James Flynn and Mr Noel McComb, who were deported to Northern Ireland last week under the new anti-terrorism Act, have both been released by the RUC. They were held for questioning when they landed.

Wombles defended: Mr W. Kenwright, producer of the stage version of *The Wombles of Wimbledon Common*, said yesterday that the Belfast audience, some of whose members ran on to the stage during a Boxing Day performance of the pantomime, had gone to the show prepared to find fault (the Press Association report).

The pantomime is running in regional centres, including Liverpool, where on Monday the show was abandoned after complaints.

Terrorist hunt: Police yesterday issued these Photofit pictures of three people they want to interview after the shooting of a policeman in Southampton on Christmas Eve. They disclosed that IRA terrorists had been operating for six weeks from a house in the city's Portswood suburb. They said they were looking for six IRA members who made "a considerable number" of bombs in the house. It is thought that the bombs were used elsewhere

A description of the woman on the left was issued with that of two men after the shooting. The other couple are described as Philip Reynolds, aged about 25, and his "so-called" wife, about 22.

Details of the bomb factory were given by Det Chief Supt Cyril Holdaway, head of Hampshire CID. He is heading the hunt for Irish terrorists who fired on police when they were challenged in Southampton on Monday. One officer was wounded in the stomach and pelvis and another escaped when his glasses were shattered by a bullet.

Post Office staff hurt by bombs to get cash

By Alan Hamilton
Labour Staff

The Post Office Corporation has agreed cash compensation terms for postal workers who are injured in bomb explosions while handling mail.

Talks are still going on between postal union leaders and the Post Office Board on a precise scale of cash benefits for death or injury through terrorist activity. But in the meantime postmen have been told that immediate substantial compensation will be paid in the event of death or injury in an explosion.

The new terms are outlined in a circular from Post Office chiefs sent to local branches of the Union of Post Office Workers. Union leaders met the Post Office for urgent talks on compensation the day after a bomb at the London Museum telephone exchange, near Tottenham Court Road, on December 17, killed a postal worker.

Normally postal staff who suffered injury in such circumstances would have to apply to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, or await the outcome of a lengthy insurance investigation. Staff will still be able to use those channels, but the circular says that the Post Office "will make its own awards within the terms of the common law".

The provisions will also benefit postal staff who have retired early as a direct result of criminal injuries. They will get improved pensions if the Post Office considers the case worthy.

The new arrangements will apply to all postal staff on Post Office property, or elsewhere on Post Office business and therefore cover letter bombs in a sorting office or bombs in a pillar box.

Union leaders are pleased. Their main concern in the past has been the length of time taken to settle normal insurance claims.

As the season of good will closed, the sales season opened, as seen in yesterday's scramble for bargains at this Oxford Street shoe shop.

Rising costs force cruise ship's withdraval

Thousands of scholchildren booked for educational cruises abroad next year on the P & O ship Nevasa will not be getting their trips.

The P & O Group announces today that the Nevasa, 20,160 tons, is to be withdrawn from service next week because of unprecedented rises in operating costs. It says the withdrawal may cause a small reduction in staff, but promises to do its best to find them other posts.

The company's other educational cruise ship, the Uganda, is to maintain its programme.

Mr John Sharpe, the group's educational cruising manager, blamed the Nevasa's withdrawal on a four-fold increse in the price of fuel oil, and crew, maintenance and support costs, which had risen faster than it had been possible to increase fares.

P & O said that passengers, education authorities and students booked on the Nevasa were being told of the decision, and where possible were being offered accommodation on the Uganda. But, a spokesman said, "obviously with a dozen cruises [illegible] gers on each cruise, we cannot accommodate them all, so thousands of youngsters will be disappointed."

The Nevasa was built in 1956 as a troopship and converted in 1965.

Teachers are urged to accept pay report

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

Mr Andrew Hutchings, general secretary of the Assistant Masters' Association and chairman of the teachers' panel of the Burnham committee, called yesterday for all teachers' unions to accept the main recommendations of the Houghton report on teachers' pay.

The Burnham committee which negotiates teachers' pay, is to meet on January 6 to consider the £400m settlement recommended by Lord Houghton, which would give teachers increases of between 16 and 32 per cent.

Lord Houghton's recommendations have to be approved by the Burnham committee before they can be implemented, although they were underwritten in advance by the Government.

There are fears that the teachers' panel, which has a majority of representatives from the National Union of Teachers, may try to get a better deal for younger members of the profession. They were awarded increases of less than 16 per cent and a starting salary for nongraduates of £1,677 plus threshold payments of £229, which was much less than the union wanted.

Mr Hutchings said in London [illegible] substantially lower than the increases advocated by his association, which would have brought them much nearer £2,000 a year.

"It would be a great mistake for teachers to allow the recommendations to have a divisive effect", he added. "The important thing for all teachers is to seek in the light of the Houghton report the greatest possible common measure of agreement and to work together to get the increases implemented as swiftly as possible."

Teachers should get the increases in February, before renewed negotiations for further increases from April 1 during which some of the anomalies in the Houghton settlement could be corrected.

The association is holding its annual council meeting in London this weekend and is likely to call for a school leaving date about the Whitsun recess. At present, pupils who become 16 after February 1 have to stay on until the end of the summer term.

Tomorrow afternoon the council will debate a motion from its Avon branch regretting the raising of the school leaving age to 16. But Mr Hutchings said it was unlikely that the association would go back on its support for raising the leaving age, although it would like to see a better development of the day-release [illegible], which allows pupils time off from school to work in industry.

Escapers are recaptured 7 miles from hospital

From Our Correspondent
Nottingham

The two men who escaped from Rampton top security mental hospital, Nottinghamshire, were recaptured by police yesterday after a 38-hour search by helicopter and on foot.

Christopher McAteer and Brian Martin Perkins, both aged 20, were found by a sergeant with a dog hiding in a platelayers' hut near Saxilby, Lincolnshire, seven miles from the hospital.

Chief Supt Richard Richardson said police received a tip-off at 7.30 am that two men were trying to break into a car near a railway line near Saxilby. They were found after a two-hour search and returned to Rampton for questioning.

Mr McAteer, from Southwark, London, has convictions for manslaughter, robbery and possession of an offensive weapon. Mr Perkins, from Fagley, Bradford, has convictions for violence and theft. They escaped by sawing through an iron bar on a lavatory window on Christmas Day.

It was the fifth escape from Rampton, which holds many dangerous mentally ill patients, in the past 14 months.

The two men gave up without a struggle to Sergeant Brian George and Constable Daniel Wallace, police dog handlers. They told police they spent Christmas night and Boxing Day hiding in a haystack on a farm two or three miles from Rampton.

They decided to make for Bradford by following the railway line north. But they were heading south when seen by a tanker driver.

Sergeant George said: "They were wet through, tired and cold. We gave them some of our sandwiches."

Arson suspected after mill fires

A hundred families in the village of Stubbins, near Bury, Lancashire, were evacuated to safety when fire swept through two mills nearby early yesterday. Lancashire police said they suspected arson.

The fires were at the Rosebank Mill of Traditional Upholstery Ltd, and at the Cuba Mill of N. C. Brown (Storage Equipment) Ltd, 600 yards away. The Cuba Mill was damaged by fire in similar circumstances last January.

Seven rescued from weir

Firemen stretched ropes across the Avon at Saltford, near Bath, yesterday to prevent a stranded cabin cruiser with seven people on board from tipping over a weir. Then two firemen rowed the seven ashore unhurt.

More than 40 firemen and police were involved in the two-and-a-half hour rescue operation when the cruiser ran aground in flood water at the edge of the weir after its engine failed.

Nameless caller found out

A person who made anonymous telephone calls to a house in Eastcombe, Gloucestershire, was identified yesterday as a girl aged two.

Mr L. E. Evans, of Westerland, Eastcombe, who received 12 calls before the child's mother found out, said yesterday: "We didn't mind the calls, but the child was running up a big bill."

Fire damages school

Fire damaged part of Northfields School in Hessel Road, Ealing, London, last night. No one was hurt.

Quite a year

1974 was the year of the IRA, Muhammad Ali, the three-day week, Archbishop Makarios, general elections, Richard Nixon the DC10 crash, Ronald Milhench, bottom spanking, Lord Lucan the Flixborough disaster, Patti Hearst and Ronald Biggs . . . all that and much more *The Sunday Times* analyses tomorrow in its Review of the Year.

Boys free after 24 hours trapped in wooden box

Three boys used a nail to escape yesterday from a cramped wooden box in which they had been trapped for 24 hours.

Ross Finegan, aged 10, his brother Howard, aged nine, and David Starkie, aged eight, all of Broad Road, Sale, Cheshire, went to play in the box, in a builder's yard, on Boxing Day morning. The wind blew the lid down and the clasp dropped.

long, 2ft wide and [illegible] were forced to [illegible] They used 6in nails to lift the lid enough to breathe.

The three took turns at scraping with a nail at the wood surrounding the catch. To pass the time they counted trains on a line near by, played games, and sometimes prayed.

When it was dark their parents called the police. Mr Ralph Finegan and his son Ian, aged 14, were out searching until the early hours.

Police cars patrolled the roads, and officers with dogs searched surrounding land and derelict buildings.

Eventually the boys scratched a hole large enough to get a [illegible] covered with dirt and oil.

David Starkie said: "We could not move the lid, but we managed to squeeze a nail in between the lid and the box to let some air in."

Mother is refused leave to take daughter overseas

A mother yesterday faced the choice between her husband in Australia and the daughter, aged eight, of her first marriage.

Her former husband succeeded in the Court of Appeal in stopping her from taking the child to Australia today. The mother wept in court as she told Lord Justice Stephenson and Lord Justice Ormrod: "I have to go tomorrow. I have no choice. I wish I could stay."

The father, a London [illegible] against a London Divorce Court judge's decision on Christmas Eve that the mother could take the girl to Australia today, together with the two children of her second marriage.

"This child's future is at stake and the prospects in Australia are very uncertain indeed", Lord Justice Ormrod said. The mother had said that her husband went to Australia a month ago.

Both parents, who were divorced in 1970, conducted their own cases.

The mother said that fears of delay over new Australian immigration laws coming into [illegible] husband before the end of the year.

The judges made an interim order that if the mother left today the girl should stay with her father pending the full hearing.

Search for Stonehouse application

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if they wished to see her. "I will do anything I can to help." She did not know who had been sending mail to Mr Stonehouse in Melbourne.

The Home Office said that the Director of Public Prosecutions had made no application for Mr Stonehouse's extradition, but it is known that Scotland Yard will be investigating whether he had an accomplice who helped to obtain the false passport he used to enter Australia.

The passport was in the name of Joseph Arthur Markham, a man who died of a heart attack earlier this year in Mr Stonehouse's constituency, and the issuing of it will be investigated by the Foreign Office.

Another name used by Mr Stonehouse in Melbourne, that of Donald Clive Mildoon, was also that of a man who died in the constituency. Mr Stonehouse was said in the Melbourne court where he appeared on Thursday to have admitted "phoning round the hospitals until he found the death of a man of his own age".

The Home Office said that forging an application for a passport was an extraditable offence but falsifying one was not. A search is to be started for the application form used by Mr Stonehouse in the name of Joseph Arthur Markham when the records department of the Passport Office opens on Monday. It will then be studied.

Mrs Barbara Stonehouse, who joined her husband in Melbourne on Thursday night, *is* expected to remain in Australia for a week. Her daughter, Julia, said at the family home in Andover, Hampshire, yesterday, that the family would be making no further comment.

In Australia Mr Stonehouse said: "For two years pressures had been building up all around me. They became unbearable. I had built up such a diverse group of companies it became too much to handle. Like every other business, cash was short, but there is no reason why I should not have won through. I was not allowed to."

Mr Stonehouse was becoming *in the business world what he* had been in the political world, a rising star. His biggest business venture was the launching in 1972 of the £1m banking firm, British Bangladesh Trust, which was recently renamed the London Capital Group.

Many of the group's customers are members of the Bangladesh community in Britain

No bar to stewardship of Chiltern Hundreds

By Our Political Staff

Some of Mr Stonehouse's parliamentary colleagues were wondering yesterday whether he would shortly be applying for the Chiltern Hundreds. For them a swift end to his parliametary career would be the best conclusion to an embarrassing affair. If he does not apply, moves to expel him may be expected when Parliament reassembles.

But there was also some speculation on whether any such request from him would be granted. There would seem to be no reason why not. The constitutional position is that an MP cannot technically resign his seat. He must remain an MP until Parliament is dissolved unless he is expelled, is adjudged a bankrupt or of unsound mind, or takes an office of profit under the Crown.

The offices used for bringing about what is in effect a resignation are the stewardships of the Chiltern Hundreds and the Manor of Northstead. As Erskine May, the standard authority on all parliamentary matters, puts it: "These offices are today purely nominal and are ordinarily given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to any member who applies

There is no suggestion that they are posts of honour nowadays. Again in the words of Erskine May: "All words which formerly attached honour to the appointment are omitted, in order to remove any scandal in granting these offices to persons unworthy of the favour of the Crown, who may desire to vacate their seats in Parliament."

There was the case in 1954 of Mr Peter Baker, who wrote to the Speaker from Wormwood Scrubs: "I discovered to my dismay that I was unable to vacate my seat in any way while the matter was sub judice". But Sir Barnett Cocks, a former Clerk of the House of Commons, said yesterday that within *his* experience there had been no case of the Chiltern Hundreds being refused to any applicant.

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Widow tells of visitor who 'brought condolences'

From Arthur Osman
Birmingham

More details were disclosed yesterday of the circumstances about the adoption by Mr Stonehouse of the names of dead constituents for his passport and entry to Australia. Mrs Elsie Mildoon, a widow, of James Bridge, Staffordshire, commented on the use by the MP of her late husband's name when he was detained in a flat in Melbourne.

Mrs Mildoon, who keeps a newsagent's shop, said that her husband, Donald Clive Mildoon, died last June from a heart attack. A month or so later a "tall and handsome-looking man" called to see her.

She continued: "I remarked later than he seemed to know a lot about my husband, as though *he had checked beforehand*. I thought at the time that this was part of his job. He said as he was leaving that if I needed any help at any time I should contact him.

"He explained to me that he had called to see me to bring his condolences, which I thought was nice of him, and he said he had read about my husband's death in the local paper.

"He asked if he could have an interview and he said that he was my MP, and wanted to ask me a few questions about my husband for a Bill he was preparing about one-parent families. He said that if I felt they were offensive, I need not answer, but none of them was.

"He *asked if we had any* financial difficulties and seemed particularly concerned about my husband's medical history and whether he had been abroad at any time."

Mrs Jean Markham, of Lichfield Road, Brownhills, whose late husband's name appeared on Mr Stonehouse's passport, declined to be interviewed yesterday. But one of her sons said: "We do not have a lot to do with politics and we cannot say whether the caller who appeared three months after my father's death last March was Mr Stonehouse."

The son, who would not be named, said the caller asked a lot of personal questions about his father's background and members of the family.

Mr Joseph Arthur Markham, whose name was on Mr Stonehouse's passport, was aged 42, a foundry foreman who had been ill for about six months with a heart condition. His birth certificate, issued in Birmingham, showed he was born on July 12, 1932, and lived at Paddington Street, in the Handsworth district, where his father was a brass cap filer.

Mr Geoffrey Edge, Labour MP for Aldridge-Brownhills, called yesterday for an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the visits to Mrs Markham and Mrs Mildoon.

It was still not clear yesterday whether Mr Stonehouse's Labour Party colleagues at Walsall, North, would call for *his* resignation at a meeting next Friday of leading members of the constituency party.

Several of those interviewed appeared bemused by the news from Australia and inclined to disbelieve any explanatory footnotes offered by members of the press about their MP.

But Mr John Brady, a leading socialist, said: "In view of Mr Stonehouse taking out this passport in August it appears *to have been planned. I think* it is dishonourable and he should resign."

Mr Harry Richards, Mr Stonehouse's election agent, on the other hand, recalled that Mr Stonehouse had given 18 years' unblemished service as member, first for Wednesbury and more recently for Walsall, North.

MP calls for passport loophole to be plugged

An MP yesterday called on the Home Secretary to alter the law as a matter of urgency to plug the loophole which enabled Mr Stonehouse to be issued with a passport in the name of a dead man.

"The ease with which this can apparently be done is frightening", Mr Peter Rost, Conservative member for Derbyshire, South-east, said.

Not only did it enable people to escape from this country into oblivion, "but it is an open invitation for people to run a racket in smuggling false passports out of this country to enable others to enter Britain illegally." He added that he would write to the Home Secretary immediately, and would raise the matter in Parliament after the Christmas recess.

He also called for a government investigation into the extent to which the loophole has been exploited by people in recent years.

"As I understand it, if one gets a copy of a birth certificate from Somerset House of a dead man and merely ensures that he had never possessed a passport, one can simply apply for a passport in his name and get it", he said. "There must now be much greater coordination between Somerset House and the Passport Office.

"I want to see an inquiry into how many passports have been issued in recent years in the names of people who are no longer alive. It should not be *too difficult for the Home Office* to check the register of deaths and compare this with the date on the issue of passports so that we can be reassured that false passports have not been smuggled out of the country in any quantity."

Mr Tom Torney, Labour MP for Bradford, South, said last night that anyone with information about people alleged to have been blackmailing Mr Stonehouse should immediately volunteer it to the police.

"If it is true that an MP has been blackmailed there should be a very thorough police investigation and the Prime Minister should ensure that this gets under way immediately", he said. The matter was exceptionally urgent to make sure other MPs could not be open to blackmail.

Dr Rhodes Boyson, Conservative MP for Brent, North, said last night that British passports were being sold regularly in India, Pakistan and Hongkong. "The people who sell them apply locally for replacements, without any bother", he said. "This is a public disgrace."

Dr Boyson has written to the Foreign Secretary, and plans to raise the matter in the Commons immediately after the recess.

"What makes it worse is that last June I asked the Foreign Secretary how many United Kingdom passport holders had their passports replaced in the last five years in Cyprus, India, Pakistan, and Hongkong. I was told that the records of the numbers of passports issued were not kept in a way which made it possible to provide this information.

"It is astonishing that with all the bureaucracy there is in this country the Government cannot tell us the number of replaced passports issued in this way. This seems like a grave dereliction of duty on the part of the Foreign Office", he said.

Dr Boyson said he had been told that young people in those countries, when they ran out of money, sold their British passports and applied for new ones, usually successfully, locally. "This is a regular means of augmenting income", he said.

Scottish pressure for £3m more in final settlement

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

Scottish teachers' negotiators will meet management representatives on Monday to resolve the pay dispute which threatens *to disrupt Scottish education* again in the new year.

Mr John Pollock, secretary-designate of the Educational Institute of Scotland, said yesterday that the teachers would do all they could to resolve the dispute. But he warned management that negotiations on recommendations of the Houghton committee were leaving the possibility of a settlement very late.

The Houghton committee had recommended £41m, rising to £47m when reconstruction was completed within two years. "We are asking for an additional £3m", he said. "Something in that region would guarantee peace in the schools. Scottish teachers are saying that *if* management are prepared to give a little bit and *pay* some of the Houghton award in advance this would provide the solution."

The teachers clearly intend to press for better pay independent of their English colleagues.

The institute said yesterday: "It is too late for joint action. We are at a stage where Scottish teachers will seek to settle the Houghton award on their own initiative. There is independent negotiating machinery and this is *now* in action.

"It is too late to hope to benefit from united action with English or Welsh teachers."

Public houses dispute

Some 350 Scottish public houses may close within a week because of a dispute involving Tennent Caledonian Breweries, the National Association of Licensed House Managers and the Transport and General Workers' Union.

Managers of Tennent houses have been told by the association to refuse further supplies of draught beer

Appeal launched for a Reynolds

Lord Kenyon, chairman of the trustees of the National Portrait Gallery, has appealed for donations to help to buy Sir Joshua Reynolds's portrait of Laurence Sterne. The appeal comes after "an encouraging answer" from the Government to a request from the gallery for a £40,000 grant.

The gallery was offered the portrait for £50.000 on December 12. Donations may be made to the National Portrait Gallery Trust Fund.

Weather forecast and recordings

Today

Sun rises: 8.6 am **Sun sets:** 3.58 pm
Moon sets: 7.13 am ***Moon rises:*** 3.33 pm

Full Moon: Tomorrow.

Lighting up: 4.28 pm to 7.36 am.

High water: London Bridge, 12.34 am, 6.7m (22.1ft); 12.56 pm, 6.9m, (22.5ft). Avonmouth, 6.16 am, 12.6m (41.5ft); 6.45 pm, 12.9m (42.3ft). Dover, 10.3 am, 6.3m (20.8ft); 10.30 pm, 6.5m (21.3ft). Hull, 5.9 am, 6.8m (22.2ft); 5.28 pm, 7.1m (23.3ft). Liverpool, 10.18 am, 8.4m (27.7ft); 10.42 pm, 8.5m (27.9ft).

Troughs of low pressure will cross England and Wales.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE and Central S England: Mainly cloudy, rain at times; wind SW, strong or gale; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 8.6 am **Sun sets:** 3.59 pm
Moon sets: 8.3 am **Moon rises:** 4.48 pm

Full Moon: 3.51 am.

Lighting up: 4.29 pm to 7.37 am.

High water: London Bridge, 1.25 am, 7.0m (23.0ft); 1.47 pm, 7.2m (23.6ft). Avonmouth, 7.6 am, 13.3m (43.5ft); 7.34 pm, 13.4m (44.0ft). Dover, 10.46 am, 6.6m (21.5ft); 11.12 pm, 6.7m (22.1ft). Hull, 5.59 am, 7.0m (23.0ft); 6.12 pm, 7.3m (24.1ft). Liverpool, 11.5 am, 8.8m (29.0ft); 11.30 pm, 8.8m (28.9ft).

E Midlands, East Anglia: Becoming cloudy with rain at times; wind SW, strong or gale; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales: Mainly cloudy, rain at times; wind SW, strong or gale; max temp 11°C (52°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Bright periods, rain later; wind SW, strong or gale; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Central N, NE and E England, W Midlands: Bright periods, rain later; wind SW, strong; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Changeable with rain at times, but sunny periods; temp near normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SW, strong, becoming gale: sea very rough.

We regret that it has not been possible to include the usual weather charts in this issue.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 11°C, (52°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 9°C, (48°F). *Humidity*, 6 pm, 70 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.24in, Sun 24hr to 6 pm, 0.7hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,012.3 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53 in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: *c, cloud; d, drizzle;* f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

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Algiers	s	15	59	Cardiff	c	10	50	L Palmas	f	19	66	Nice	f	10	50
Amsterdm	f	9	48	Cologne	f	10	50	Lisbon	fog	11	52	Nicosia	s	16	61
Athens	c	14	57	Copenhgn	c	4	39	Locarno	c	7	45	Oslo	f	−2	28
Barcelona	s	11	52	Dublin	c	9	48	London	c	10	50	Ottawa	sn	−1	30
Beirut	s	17	63	Edinbrgh	c	7	45	Luxembrg	c	7	45	Paris	c	11	52
Belfast	c	8	46	Florence	c	10	50	Madrid	fog	5	41	Reykjavik	f	−1	30
Berlin	c	9	48	Funchal	c	18	64	Majorca	f	15	59	Rome	f	14	57
Bermuda	c	18	64	Geneva	r	7	45	Malaga	fog	13	55	Ronldswy	f	9	48
Biarritz	c	17	63	Gibraltar	c	15	59	Malta	c	15	59	Stockhlm	s	2	36
Birmnghm	r	10	50	Guernsey	c	11	52	Manchstr	r	9	48	Tel Aviv	s	17	63
Bristol	d	10	50	Helsinki	sn	2	36	Montreal	sn	−1	30	Toronto	c	0	32
Brussels	r	10	50	Innsbruck	f	3	37	Moscow	c	0	32	Venice	c	5	41
Budapest	c	11	52	Istanbul	c	8	46	Munich	c	9	48	Vienna	f	13	55
Chicago	c	1	34	Jersey	c	11	52	Naples	c	15	59	Warsaw	c	5	41
								New York	c	4	39	Zurich	r	7	45

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HOME NEWS

Public opinion plays part in plans for Greater Manchester

From John Chartres
Manchester

One of the biggest "public participation" operations conducted by a local authority since the phrase was coined in the Skeffington report four years ago is reaching an advanced stage in Manchester.

Greater Manchester County Council, now responsible for ructure planning that will ffect the lives of 2,500,000 ople over the next 20 years, is ginning to analyse data from £17,500 "attitudes survey" onducted for it by a public pinion research firm.

A million copies of a broad- eet called *Context* have been istributed to every household the new county area, which retches from the Cheshire order to north of Wigan and hich historically grew into the ost densely populated area of ritain with scant regard for e welfare of those living in it.

Reports of the first surveys nducted into such subjects as pulation trends, housing, ansport, open land and eco- mic factors will probably be blished as a series of separate oklets from the spring of 75 onwards: and proposals a number of alternative ucture plans are expected to ready by the end of the year. That should enable the coun- to produce its "preferred tion" by mid-1976, so that al public discussions can take ce on it before it has to be mitted to the Government the end of that year.

A second attitudes survey will bably be conducted in 1976 r the alternative structure ns have been published.

The first survey has involved rviewing 2,000 people on h subjects as housing, em- ment, education, shopping lities and pollution; each in- iew lasting about 45 minutes. Subjects were selected carefully, with a balance given to communities with similar backgrounds and difficulties on the "cluster" principle.

Further broadsheets will be issued at various stages of the preparation of the structure plan, and from the whole process the planning team at the new county hall in the centre of Manchester city hopes to draw in a broad idea of people's views and wishes and build them into the scheme although the planners emphasize that final decisions will still lie with the elected councillors.

They certainly do not expect to be able to please all the people all of the time, and agree that structure planning, because of its necessarily broad and general terms, is probably one of the most difficult local authority functions to explain

"It becomes much easier to awaken interest when you get down to the painting of double yellow lines on someone's shopping street or work out precisely where you are going to put a school or a swimming bath", said Mr Harry Fenton, assistant planning officer directly responsible for the participation operation.

Each of Greater Manchester's 10 district councils is being allocated the back page of regional editions of the broadsheet to set out local difficulties. Most district councils are also now publishing civic newspapers in which detailed local planning ideas are described.

"There is still a pretty vast barrier of suspicion about planning to be overcome", Mr Fenton said. "The first thing we are trying to do is to get away from jargon. There is no magic in the word participation. It is really all a slow, long-drawn-out education process."

In brief

New factory for Flixborough

Humberside County Council has approved plans to build an ammonium sulphate plant on the site of the devastated Flixborough chemical factory, where 28 men died in an explosion seven months ago.

More than 70 people from villages affected by the blast submitted written objections to the scheme.

Train kills patient

Mrs Janet Catherine Curtis, aged 53, of Sarn Hill, Sarn, Bridgend, a patient, walked unnoticed from a hospital yesterday, was killed on the railway 50 yards away by an express train.

Fishing takeover

A fishing stretch on the upper river Wensum between Attlebridge and Ringland has been acquired by the Anglian water authority for a trial period of a year.

Man dies in prison

Robin Ian Gorton, aged 29, remanded in custody at Birmingham magistrates' court on Christmas Eve charged with possessing drugs, died yesterday in Birmingham prison.

Wild boar killed

A wild boar which escaped 12 hours earlier from Coventry Zoo was found dead yesterday on the railway near by having been apparently hit by a train.

Education pay

A four-page inset on the Houghton report, with full details of the new salary scales proposed for colleges and polytechnics is published today in *The Times Higher Education Supplement*.

wards for would-be rescuers who died

n Our Correspondent
fermline

vo people who died trying rescue others were post- ously awarded memorial ficates by the Carnegie Fund Trust yesterday.

r James Corbett, aged 26, ied, a fire protection ghtsman of Sunbury-on- nes, was drowned while try- to save a young woman in Thames at Sunbury on st 11.

fell out of a 20ft skiff Mr Corbett and some s had hired for the after- Knowing she was unable im, he dived fully clothed and reached her, but she struggled and both went under several times before they drifted apart. The woman was rescued by another boat but Mr Corbett sank.

His citation said: "Mr Corbett's heroic efforts in swimming rapidly to the drowning woman and supporting her until help came exhausted him to a point where he was unable to remain afloat himself."

Mrs Margaret Mitchell, aged 43, a housewife, was at her home in Woodford Square, Kensington, London, with her two daughters, aged 15 and 10, and a nine-year-old friend of her younger daughter when at about midnight on June 22 her electric blanket began to smoulder. She put the blanket and sheets in the bathroom to soak and sprinkled water on the mattress but about four hours later after they had all gone back to bed Mrs Mitchell awoke to find the house filled with smoke.

Her daughters made their way to the ground floor but the visiting child refused to do so through the smoke. Mrs Mitchell, who was waiting to enter hospital for an operation, went back to the top floor to lead her down. They became trapped and were overcome by smoke and fumes. Mrs Mitchell's husband was abroad.

WEST EUROPE

W Germans spend 300m marks a year to be frightened

From Dan van der Vat
Bonn, Dec 27

Although the West Germans were as full of Christmas spirit as anybody else this year, you had to look hard to find any signs of it in their favourite newspaper. As I write, I have before me editions of the daily *Bild Zeitung* and its Sunday sister-paper, *Bild am Sonntag*, both published in Hamburg.

Bild Zeitung is often loosely likened to the *Daily Mirror*—and this strikes the objective observer as a little hard on the British paper. The only things the two have in common are colossal circulations and a taste for fat headlines and saucy pictures. Politically, they could hardly be farther apart. The *Bild* sells four million copies a day, so probably 10 million people—one-sixth of the West German population—read it.

An intelligent reader of German could probably get through it in four minutes, or five if he also wants to know what is on television. It rarely runs to more than eight text size pages.

Bild am Sonntag is much fatter, and at the equivalent of 17p a copy, four times as much as the daily, regales its readers with the latest broken royal marriages, war serials and the private lives of people in show business. The Sunday newspaper uses such large type that there is never room for any actual text on the front page—just headlines. On Sunday, December 15, a huge headline occupying half the front page said: "Thus died Fritz Szepan", who was a footballer. Above that, a smaller headline reported: "Princess Grace badly ill."

The essential character of the paper is to serve as the leading national *angst* machine. Clearly the West Germans like to have a frightener put on them each day; otherwise it could be assumed that they would not spend 300 million marks a year buying it.

For me the headline of the year came out last month. In the very fattest size of type in its considerable arsenal, underscored in red ink (which seems to be gilding fine gold a little), the main headline said: "Sixty politicians shot dead." I had worked out that this would just about cover the entire Upper House plus the Federal Cabinet. Then I read in the accompanying report that the massacre had occurred in Ethiopia.

To return to the present, on Thursday last week the main headline said: "Woman goes blind through the pill", which should have frightened a few million people here.

Yet it is strange how a Bonn correspondent tends, on arrival at the office, to turn to *Bild* first of all the papers. At least he can be sure that it will inject a little colour into the morning—even if that colour is blood red.

A rescue miner tries to comfort a dead colleague's wife in Liévin, northern France.

Restaurant prices are frozen in Paris

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Dec 27

The price of a meal or a drink in a Paris restaurant or café is to be frozen from Thursday until March 31.

M Jean-Pierre Fourcade, the Minister of Economics and Finance, ordered the freeze today after his price inspectors reported that restaurant prices had gone up in Paris on average by more than 16 per cent in a 12-month period ending October, although the retailers' prices of their provisions showed only an 11 per cent increase.

During October Parisian restaurateurs were increasing their prices at an annual equivalent of more than 30 per cent, the inspectors found.

The Federation of Paris Hotel, Restaurant, and Café Proprietors indicated today that its members would accept a three-month standstill, but if it was prolonged there would be strikes.

The federation claimed that notwithstanding the recent price increases the running of a Paris restaurant was becoming steadily less profitable.

M Fourcade today also ordered a tightened watch on shopkeepers' profit margins. They must, he said, in future pass on any wholesalers' reductions and stop the practice of regularly up-pricing their stock.

Dutch subsidy to 'Marxist' group

From Sue Masterman
The Hague, Dec 27

The award of a Government subsidy by Mr Harry van Doorn, the Dutch Minister of Culture, to the theatre workshop group Prologue has ended a period of collaboration between the Government and the Opposition, which lasted through the oil crisis and its economic consequences.

Prologue is an experimental group operating in the south of the Netherlands. It performs mainly for schools and working men's clubs, and its message is clear—capitalism is the root of all evil and life for the working classes will only become tolerable under a socialist regime. This year the province of Limburg and the city of Eindhoven refused to grant it financial support.

The subsidizing of experimental theatre projects, theatre workshops, and other cultural forms which are not self-supporting, is general practice in the Netherlands. Only professional entertainment is supposed to pay for itself.

Early in December, just before the Ministry of Culture was due to announce its decision on Prologue's application for a state subsidy to replace the local subsidies which the group had been refused, the attack was launched. Mrs Phia van Veenendaal, a Democratic Socialist MP gave her opinion of Prologue in an interview with *De Telegraaf*, Holland's leading daily newspaper. She was quoted as accusing Prologue of being a Marxist cover organization, and taking part in irregular activities.

Subsequent clashes between the newspaper, the politician and the theatre workshop brought a hardening of attitudes, and Prologue took both the newspaper and the politician to court. On December 16, *De Telegraaf* was ordered to publish an apology on its front page, which it did. A week later on December 22, Mrs van Veenendaal was ordered by the judge not to repeat any of the accusations which she could not substantiate in court.

Within hours, Mr van Doorn announced that the state had awarded Prologue a grant; but he added that it was temporary because Prologue, as a regional theatre, should be supported from regional funds.

Since then the press has been searching for evidence against Prologue, while the ranks of the Democratic Socialists have been divided into those who think that Mrs van Veenendaal should resign and those who believe that there is more to the affair than political shadow boxing.

South Moluccans attack World Court building

The Hague, Dec 27.—Demonstrators demanding independence for the south Molucca islands from Indonesia did serious damage to the headquarters of the International Court of Justice in the Peace Palace in The Hague today.

About 30 people from Ambon, one of the Moluccas, smashed their way through the glass doors at the entrance of the building and hurled fire bombs into a room on the first floor, badly burning a Turkish carpet 540ft square.

They wrecked the mechanism of the clock in the mock medieval tower, shattered priceless huge Chinese vases in the Japanese room, and smashed the tall candelabra set along the staircase leading to the first floor.

The palace administrator said that it was impossible to estimate the cost of the damage.

Later 500 demonstrators, hurling stones and fire bombs clashed outside the Indonesian Embassy with 150 steel-helmeted police. Eight arrests were made.

The demonstrators had massed outside the office of Mr Joop den Uyl, the Prime Minister. A small deputation was allowed in to present a petition calling for the island's independence and the freeing of political prisoners in Indonesia, to the Secretary General of the Dutch administrative services.

A spokesman for the demonstrators said that they were protesting against alleged torture of south Moluccans in Indonesia.

South Moluccans living in Holland have set up their own republic in exile.—Reuter and Agence France Presse.

Saddam Hussein on Gold and International Monetary System

Mr. Saddam Hussein, Vice-Chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council in the Republic of Iraq, made the following statement to the Iraqi News Agency on December 26th on the question of gold and the international monetary system.

Mr. Saddam Hussein said:

"We are following the new developments in the gold policy and the interests of the under-developed countries, including the oil-producing countries

"Any country or any group of countries that take any step leading to the intensification of inflation in the world should in our opinion, bear the responsibility of such an action.

"Iraq has repeatedly announced at OPEC and other meetings that the continuation of inflation in the advanced industrial countries would lead, directly or indirectly, to a rise in the prices of manufactured goods, raw materials, foodstuffs and energy, thus increasing the financial burdens of the under-developed countries.

"We do not agree to individualist remedies to the gold policy carried out outside a general international agreement, because though such remedies might lead to the creation of monetary liquidity in the advanced countries, yet they will inflict harm on the under-developed countries, at least in two aspects: firstly, decreasing the issuance of new private withdrawals that are distributed to the under-developed countries, and secondly, increasing the monetary and financial burdens as a result of the rise in the rate of inflation and the deterioration of the standard of living of the peoples of these countries.

"Individual remedies might also drive at enabling the industrial countries to avoid their responsibilities for extending the necessary technical and economic aid to the under-developed countries and at switching the whole burden of these responsibilities upon the oil-producing countries that will themselves become victims of the rise in the rates of inflation.

"We call upon all under-developed countries, particularly the oil-producing countries, to unify their efforts and activities—through the Transitional Committee for Reformation of the World Monetary System, the United Nations or any other international organizations—to stress the need for remedying the question of gold and world monetary liquidity within the framework of an international general agreement."

December 26th

Repercussions of alleged domestic spying by CIA may affect future of leading US politicians

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Dec 27

President Ford is still examining a report on alleged illegal activities by the Central Intelligence Agency prepared by Mr William Colby, its director. He has yet to decide whether to publish it, and in what form, but there can be little doubt that it will appear in print fairly soon.

The allegations made by *The New York Times* are far too serious to be allowed to rest without full investigation. Several congressional committees are bound to demand to see Mr Colby's report—and Mr Colby. It is therefore not to be supposed that the secret will be kept much longer.

The newspaper said that it had discovered that the CIA had files on 10,000 Americans, maintained by spying on them. This would be illegal, because the CIA is forbidden to carry out investigations inside the United States.

Spokesmen, official and unofficial, for Dr James Schlesinger, who was director of the agency from January to May, 1973, and for Mr Colby, who succeeded him, have claimed that all illegal activities were stopped as soon as they discovered them.

The blame is thus shifted back on to the shoulders of Mr Richard Helms, their predecessor, now Ambassador to Iran.

However, many strange things happened, including a large number of suspicious burglaries, as recently as last summer. If it is proved that any of them were the work of the CIA's illegal counter-intelligence arm, then Dr Schlesinger, now Secretary of Defence, may lose his job.

If it emerges that the fruits of these investigations, and the way in which they were carried out, were reported to the President's *National Security Council*, then its chairman, Dr Henry Kissinger, may suddenly be in serious trouble.

A partial list of mysterious burglaries was published in the magazine *Rolling Stone* in October. The magazine did not claim that the CIA was involved, suggesting instead that the "plumbers", who carried out the Watergate burglaries, and perhaps the FBI were behind them.

The best known of these burglaries were carried out against a number of Chilean diplomats in 1972.

Among the victims of suspicious burglaries in 1973 and 1974 were the organization Common Cause, in February, 1974, the Senate permanent investigations subcommittee (whose chairman is Senator Henry Jackson) in July, 1974, Senator Lowell Weicker in April, 1973, Mr Tad Szulc, a reporter, in February, 1973, lawyers representing various alleged conspirators (the Rev Daniel Berrigan, the Quakers, the Seattle 7, the Detroit 13, and so on).

The curious thing about all these burglaries is that papers were ransacked or stolen but valuables were left behind.

If America had not just gone through Watergate this would be the biggest story of the decade. Even so, it is going to have some very considerable repercussions.

Washington, Dec 27.—Representative Michael Harrington, a Massachusetts Democrat, today filed a law suit against Mr Colby, Dr Kissinger and Mr William Simon, the Treasury Secretary. In the suit he alleged that the CIA had violated its charter by engaging in activities other than strict intelligence gathering.

The suit named Dr Kissinger in his capacity as national security adviser to the President, and Mr Simon because the Treasury disburses funds to the agency, even though Congress had not specifically authorized this practice.—Reuter.

Maintenance strike halts El Al airline

Tel Aviv, Dec 27.—El Al Airlines today grounded all its aircraft under a government order because of a dispute with maintenance workers who staged a slowdown over demands for more men.

Eleven of El Al's 13 Boeing 747, 727 and 720 jet aircraft were grounded at Ben-Gurion airport and the remaining two were due to arrive home today.

Passengers holding El Al tickets were put on flights by other foreign carriers.

It was the first strike in Israel since the Government announced a widespread austerity programme and devalued the pound by 43 per cent on November 10.

The suspension of worldwide operations went into effect after the 617 maintenance [illegible] refused to obey a Government call to end their slowdown.

"It was a drastic move, but it would have been more drastic to fire them all", said an El Al spokesman. The manpower issue was a "pure, unadulterated disguise because the workers simply want more money than the management can give them, but they do not want to say so because times are bad".

Bone broken. — Mr Rabin, Israel's Prime Minister, broke his right collarbone in a fall at his suburban home in Tel Aviv today, doctors said. He was fitted with a plaster cast in hospital.

Minister rejects charge of leniency to junta men

From Our Correspondent
Athens, Dec 27

Mr Evanghelos Averoff, the Greek Defence Minister, tonight rejected accusations that he had enabled members of the deposed junta to survive within the Army by showing leniency and favouritism towards officers responsible for the dictatorship.

In a statement Mr Averoff said that retribution against junta ringleaders was continuing both through the courts, in cases involving penal offences, and by way of administrative or disciplinary punishment.

He had, he recalled, suspended some 40 senior officers through a "summary and Draconian procedure", put on retirement some 50 general officers, ordered unfavourable transfers for several other officers, and decreed the reinstatement of dozens of democratic officers ousted by the junta, who were being assigned to key posts.

However, the minister confirmed that he had revoked the order suspending four of the 40 officers, and had reduced the terms of four others, "following the recommendation of their superiors, but also because of their behaviour in difficult moments".

Two of the cases had been prompted by humanitarian considerations. Mr Averoff said he had no doubt that mistakes had been made.

Dr Soares on mission of reconciliation in India

From Michael Hornsby
[illegible] guese Foreign Minister arrived in India today on what he described as an historic mission of peace and reconciliation to restart a dialogue which has a tradition of centuries.

In a first round of talks with Mrs Gandhi, the Prime Minister, Dr Soares discussed the draft of a treaty providing for a resumption of Indo-Portuguese diplomatic relations, which he is expected to sign next Tuesday

The treaty also will recognize formally Indian sovereignty over the former Portuguese enclaves of Goa, Diu and Daman, which were wrested from Lisbon's control by Indian troops in 1961. [illegible] complaint, accusing India of aggression, which was lodged with the United Nations Security Council by the previous regime.

Dr Soares said that his one-hour meeting with Mrs Gandhi had been very friendly as he pressed his country's desire to build a basis for fruitful cooperation with India

Although the new Portuguese Government has recognized in principle Delhi's sovereignty over Goa and the other former colonies, certain legal questions remain to be clarified before this recognition can be formalized

Equatorial Guinea denies jail deaths report

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Dec 27

The Chargé d'Affaires of Equatorial Guinea denied in Madrid today allegations that hundreds of his compatriots had been killed by order of President Francisco Macias Nguema. But he agreed that a number of the President's political opponents had been executed or had died in jail.

The diplomat, Mr Carmello Nvono Ncá Manene, also said that "There are not more than 15 political prisoners" in the country. It gained independence from Spain in 1968. He added, however, that "subversion" against the lifetime President was being suppressed.

He said that a number of political figures had died after two unsuccessful coups. Some, he alleged, had been involved in both plots, including Mr Antonio Edhjo Edu, a member of a provincial council, and Mr Marcos Mba Obiang, a police inspector. The names of both appeared on a list of executed people distributed in Madrid by exiles.

Mr Ncá Manene said that *about 10 people had died in* connexion with the latest plot, but he maintained that they committed suicide. He claimed that Dr Manuel Kombe Mandje, former technical director of the Ministry of Health, whose name is also on the list of victims, had supplied poison to his fellow plotters for the mass suicide in jail.

Mr Ncá Manene is the only diplomatic representative of his country in Europe. He agreed that two Roman Catholic bishops, one of them an African, and a number of Catholic missionaries had left the country, some of them expelled, because the Church had been engaged in subversion.

The Bishop of Malabo (formerly Santa Isabel), Mgr Gómez Marijuan, was expelled in 1970 because he opposed the President's policies publicly. The Bishop of Bata, Mgr Rafael Maria Nze Abuy, an African, had left the country in 1972 "for reasons of health", and did not wish to return. He was said to be in Rome.

Ousted Thailand leader to face charges

From Our Correspondent
Bangkok, Dec 27

Field-Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn, the former Prime Minister of Thailand, is reported to be under detention after his unexpected return from exile to Bangkok today.

Dr Prakob Hutasingh, the Deputy Prime Minister, announced after an emergency Cabinet session lasting four hours that Marshal Thanom would be detained while charges were drawn up against him for his involvement in the suppression of student demonstrations which preceded his departure from Thailand in October last year.

Dr Prakob said that the marshal visited his ailing father, who is 89.

Mr Miki's plan to put his party's house in order

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, Dec 27

Taking another step to refurbish the tarnished image of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, Mr Takeo Miki, the Japanese Prime Minister, asked party executives today to examine a vague and tentative plan to curb corporate donations to political parties.

The plan was submitted to the party hierarchy almost five months after the Liberal Democrats suffered an election setback in July when many of Japan's biggest industrial combines and trading houses pumped huge fortunes into politics to finance the ruling party's campaign.

Under Mr Miki's new plan to reform political morality, organizations will be allowed to accept donations only from individual supporters after a transitory period of three years. During the transitory period political donations by corporate organizations will be restricted on the basis of the size of the firm.

Mr Miki has also suggested that all expenses by political parties should be settled by cheque.

According to the Home Ministry's latest statistics, 1,373 political organizations, including the five main parties, received £77m in the first six months of the year before large sums of money were injected into election campaigns in July.

Yesterday Mr Miki took an unprecedented step and published details of his assets. He holds shares in a broadcaasting company, a property firm and owns two homes in Tokyo, three villas in the country and a small office building in Tokushima, his native village.

President Sadat (extreme left in first row of civilians) marches in the funeral procession in Cairo for Field Marshal Ismail. Next to him are the two sons of the man eulogized in the Arab world for his conduct of the 1973 war against Israel.

Funeral in Cairo of war hero

From Our Correspondent
Cairo, Dec 27

Lieutenant-General Muhammad Abdul Ghani al-Gamassi, Egypt's new War Minister, flies to Moscow tomorrow on an urgent mission at the invitation of Mr Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviet Party leader.

The authoritative daily newspaper *Al Ahram* said today that Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Foreign Minister, also would leave with General Gamassi for talks with the Russian leaders on the Middle East and to discuss preparations for Mr Brezhnev's visit to Cairo, due on January 14.

General Gamassi was appointed by President Sadat last night as War Minister to succeed Field Marshal Ahmed Ismail, who died in London on Wednesday of lung cancer. It will be the general's first mission abroad as War Minister.

Last October he accompanied Mr Fahmi to Moscow for talks at the Kremlin, and this led to Mr Brezhnev's acceptance of President Sadat's invitation to visit Cairo.

Before his appointment General Gamassi was Chief of Staff of the armed forces and worked closely with the late Field Marshal Ismail in planning and carrying out the Arab offensive against Israel on October 6, 1973.

General Gamassi's departure to Moscow will come about 24 hours after the funeral of Field Marshal Ismail, who was buried with full military honours today. The cortège was led by President Sadat, high ranking Arab officials and Army chiefs. Thousands of mourners, including Field Marshal Ismail's comrades in arms, walked in the mile-long funeral procession.

Detachments of military police lined the route and took the salute as the procession passed with the Field Marshal's coffin draped in the red, white and black Egyptian flag.

The coffin was placed on a gun carriage, which was followed by an officer carrying a cushion with the late commander's medals. They included the Collar of the Republic, awarded posthumously to him by President Sadat.

There were sobs as the coffin was put on the carriage after prayers at the mosque; and crowds stood on pavements, balconies and other vantage points, silently carrying banners saluting "the Arab hero who honourably and gloriously fulfilled his mission". Cairo radio and television broadcast verses of the Koran and martial music.

There has been no indication in Cairo so far whether General Gamassi will be appointed to the post of commander-in-chief of the Egyptian and combined Arab forces which was held by Field Marshal Ismail. However, observers believe that General Gamassi, who enjoys President Sadat's confidence, might be given the two posts besides the War Ministry portfolio.

Cairo, Dec 27.—Cairo police today used tear gas to disperse a crowd of several hundred stone-throwing youths who were protesting at not being allowed to join the funeral march.—Reuter.

US senator scores a victory but overplays his hand in tussle with world's superpowers

Upsets on the rocky road to détente

From Frank Vogl
United States Economics Correspondent
Washington, Dec 27

The Ninety-third Congress passed the Trade Reform Bill and the Export-Import Bank Bill just minutes before [illegible] people breathed a heavy sigh of relief. Both are important for the development of world trade.

The former paves the way for the main international trade liberalization negotiations in the new year. The latter makes $20,000m (£8,200m) in soft loans available, over the next four years, for foreign investment ventures by American companies — North Sea oil development will be one of many projects to benefit directly.

But both Bills also have direct relevance to East-West *détente* and, thanks to closing amendments, both are in many respects provocative. The Soviet leadership has demonstrated clearly that it is infuriated over certain elements in both pieces of legislation.

Senior Administration officials in Washington profess anxiety that the détente road may well be a lot more bumpy than they had hoped.

The Trade Reform Bill took more than 20 months to get through Congress, with the delay due primarily to an amendment by Senator Henry Jackson which tied trade concessions for communist countries directly to giving advance assurances of the relaxation of emigration restrictions.

The amendment was intended by its sponsors to be seen as an attempt by Congress to interfere in the domestic policies of repressive countries.

To minimize the humiliation, the Russians made secret agreements with President Ford and Dr Henry Kissinger, the Secretary of State. They accepted a formula that they were sure would meet the requirements of Congress, while not causing too much embarrassment. They gave firm assurances, in private, that they would abide by their [illegible] tion.

These laws are explicit. They do not include the imposition of special taxes on would-be emigrants, they are based on the concept that visas will be given to almost all people who wish to emigrate, and they carry no provisions whatever allowing harassment or punishment of would-be emigrants.

The Soviet leaders also state that they would give no assurances whatever on the number of emigrants each year, because, they claimed, they had no means of assessing the demand for visas. They pretended that the outlook was for a decline.

The Soviet leaders could insist to the world that they had not given special assurances under United States congressional pressure, simply because they already had liberal emigration laws on the books. Senator Jackson could be satisfied *because the Soviet* leaders had made it clear in private conversations with American leaders, so Dr Kissinger said, that for the first time they would abide by both the letter and the spirit of those emigration laws.

All would have been well, had Senator Jackson not been so interested in boosting his chances of becoming the next President of the United States. Dr Kissinger warned Senator Jackson repeatedly not to give the impression that the Soviet leaders were changing their policies because of his efforts, nor to heighten the false impression that the Soviet leaders had never given assurances on the numbers of emigrants.

The volume of loans to be obtained from the export-import bank depended on the terms of a new Bill governing the bank. A Bill to extend its life for another four years had [illegible] in several congressional committees since early last summer, with heated arguments on whether Congress should restrict the volume of loans the bank could grant to the Soviet Union.

Proponents of this view argued that it was absurd to give 7 per cent loans to companies to develop energy in Siberia, when those same companies would have to pay 10 per cent, or more, on loans to develop energy within the United States.

The counter argument was simply and powerfully that the loans would stimulate trade between the super-powers and thereby create a nexus of agreements that both sides would have greater interest in preserving and expanding than destroying.

The Russians were furious. Tass carried its report of the private letter on emigration from Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, to Dr Kissinger. The aim, possibly, was to get Congress and the Administration worried and force a vote against the bank limitations.

At all events, at the same time, the Soviet Ambassador lodged a protest over the bank with Dr Kissinger, who, too late, was apprised of the undoing.

On Tuesday, as the clock seemed set against any bank Bill passing through Congress, the White House capitulated, accepting that it was worth accepting limits on Soviet loans to obtain the Bill as a whole. The Secretary of State was still unaware it seems.

China has second thoughts about US links

From David Bonavia
Peking, Dec 27

The events of the past year have evidently persuaded the Chinese leadership to question the merits of too much dependence on the West for support in the continuing political struggle with Moscow.

As a result, Peking has begun playing down its publicly expressed fears of the Soviet Union, though without relaxing its ideological hostility, and has appeared less enthusiastic about the three-year-old rapprochement with the United States.

Internally, 1974 has been a year of sharp political swings, not to be compared with the upheavals of 1966, but disturbing none the less. After the strong emphasis on "struggle" during the first half of the year, when many leading figures in the provinces were attacked by name in wall posters, the leadership strongly propagated the ideas of harmony and unity in the second half.

The xenophobic spasm which soured China's foreign relations in the early months of the year was soon forgotten. It was probably related to some internal political conflict.

The face of the leadership has undergone its biggest change since the disgrace and death of the late Marshal Lin Piao in 1971.

Mr Chou En-lai, the Prime Minister, has had his work load severely cut since May when it was first disclosed that he was seriously ill, though the nature of his illness has never been revealed officially.

Since then, Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, who was disgraced as secretary-general of the Communist Party seven years ago and rehabilitated only last year as a Deputy Prime Minister, has become the most prominent among those leaders who are publicly active.

Chairman Mao Tse-tung, who was 81 yesterday, apparently left Peking in August to take up residence in Wuhan and make preparations for the long-delayed National People's Congress.

This Congress, last convened 10 years ago, appears to have been put off yet again, perhaps until late January or February.

On the economic side it has been a year of mixed performance.

The harvest is up on last year, but apparently not by a very big margin. The financial crisis of the Western powers has rubbed off on China by affecting export markets and currencies. Peking appears short of funds and foreign trade has been in the doldrums.

Internationally China has tried to go on consolidating its image as a champion of the Third World. But its support for the oil exporting nations—China is rapidly becoming one—has sat ill with its calls for a better deal on behalf of the poor countries.

China has seen Western Europe, in whose development it had recently pinned much faith, seriously weakened by the oil crisis and possibly flagging in its determination to resist Soviet political expansion.

China's perception of the threat to Europe apparently explains the country's puzzling shift of tactics towards Moscow. After a period of many months in which Peking gave warning almost daily of a Soviet "surprise attack" against China, Chinese officials now blandly disclaim ever having believed in it.

They emphasize that the main Soviet threat is to Europe and that it is the West that should be on its guard. But they have not reduced in any way the daily barrage of propaganda against Moscow in every sphere. The latest pronouncements on the border issue are as hard as they have ever been.

There is good reason to believe that China is already confident in the deterrent power of its nuclear weapons and delivery systems in the event of Soviet threats.

Peking's biggest disappointment in 1974 was probably the growing accord between Washington and Moscow on a number of issues, such as disarmament and the Middle East. This can only contribute to a feeling that China is being squeezed out of the influential position in world affairs which seemed to be promised after Peking took its seat at the United Nations.

The visit to Peking by Dr Henry Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State, who came virtually empty handed after the Soviet-American summit near Vladivostok, symbolized the reasons for China's disappointment.

The promise of a visit next year by President Ford is of little value unless it can be linked with some more substantial progress over the Taiwan issue. Chinese officials have been hinting strongly at disillusionment with the American unwillingness to move faster in the matter.

Threat of disease in waterless Darwin

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city's water pipes and plumbing are restored.

Singapore, Dec 27. — Unopened presents under the Christmas tree, houses destroyed by howling winds and strange escapes from the cyclone. These were the stories told by Britons evacuated to Singapore tonight from Darwin.

Mrs Halina Davies, of Swansea, said that she and her family had sought refuge under a mattress all night as the cyclone tore down their house piece by piece.

Mrs Jennifer Shackleford said that her husband, Roger, had sat on a lavatory seat for four hours supporting the crumbling ceiling with his shoulders. The family squeezed into the lavatory, the last refuge in the house.

Anne Collins, aged 15, of Northampton, said that her family were about to open their Christmas presents. "Then the wind blew and the roof caved in. . . . We just had time to try and save ourselves—not the presents."

She was one of the 38 Britons on board an RAF Nimrod jet which evacuated them yesterday.

One family possessed only a large cardboard box with nothing but dolls inside. Most of the families had brought only a couple of suitcases.

The six men, 11 women and 21 children are expected to fly back to Britain on civilian flights tomorrow and Sunday. A second RAF aircraft was due in Singapore tomorrow with more British evacuees.—Reuter.

Our Business News Staff write: A spokesman for Lloyd's in London yesterday estimated that the claims on the London insurance market, arising from the Darwin disaster, while substantial, would be "in no way catastrophic".

The bulk of the damage was to homes, offices and small businesses. Most of this would be insured with local companies, some of them subsidiaries of United Kingdom insurance groups such as Commercial Union.

Lloyd's itself had only a minor direct exposure to these claims. But many of the local companies would have reinsured with Lloyd's, the spokesman said. It would take several months before the extent of these claims were known.

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S Africans 'shot by guerrilla who broke truce'

Johannesburg, Dec 27.—The four South African policemen killed in Rhodesia on Christmas Eve were shot dead by a black nationalist who did not approve of the ceasefire in Rhodesia's guerrilla war, the [illegible] *Daily Mail* reported here today.

In a report from Salisbury, the newspaper said that the facts of the killing, which marred what had appeared to be a truce in Rhodesia's two-year-old war in the border zone, were brought back to base by Police Constable C. G. C. Grobbler, who had been with the four other policemen but escaped with minor wounds.

According to the account, the five South Africans and at least one black Rhodesian policeman were patrolling in three vehicles in the Rushinga area of the north-eastern operational zone.

The leading vehicle was flagged down by an unarmed guerrilla who told the policemen that he wanted to give himself up under "terms of the ceasefire".

At this point, a "gang of possibly a dozen terrorists, all well armed, stepped out of the bush and at gunpoint made the security officers put down their weapons", the newspaper said.

The discussion on the ceasefire continued "with one of the terrorists arguing strongly against the ceasefire. After a while this man, who carried a machine gun, indicated that the talking was over and opened fire at close range on the South Africans".

Four policemen died on the spot, while PC Grobbler managed to escape.

The Rhodesian African policeman with the group is still missing. According to one version, he jumped into a nearby river and drowned when the guerrillas appeared.—Agence France Presse.

Escaped convict shoots two women dead

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Dec 27

A farmer's wife and he daughter were found shot dea near Michigan City, Indian last night after being hel hostage for seven hours by a escaped convict. A secon daughter, who had also bee held hostage, was foun unharmed, but was taken t hospital suffering from shock.

The police said afterwarc they had talked to the wome half an hour before. Th escaper had given assurance that they would not be harmec

There was a possibility, a official said, that they had trie to overpower the man, who ha been bleeding profusely from cut he received while breakin a glass door. He had bee serving a 10 to 20 year sentenc for armed robbery.

The farm had been surrounded by police. In the course c the seven hours they spoke b telephone to the prisoner an to the hostages, and persuade the prisoner to surrender. H came out of the house an dropped two guns.

Esther Williams driving charge

Ventura, California, De 27.—Esther Williams, th swimming film star of th 1940s, was arrested fo drunken driving shortly befor midnight on Christmas ev police revealed today.

Miss Williams, aged 5 failed a sobriety test, and wa taken to the Ventura Count Jail. She was released yeste day on bail of $300 (£130).

South Vietnam alarmed by big military losses

Saigon, Dec 27.—The loss of five district capitals in less than a fortnight prompted President Thieu today to label the communist actions a "very serious" offensive.

The latest town to fall was Don Luan, a crossroads town some 60 miles north of Saigon. It gave the communists control of most of Phuoc Long province, which stretches towards Saigon from the Cambodian border, military sources said.

The loss came less than 24 hours after the communist capture of Tanh Linh, a busy market town east of Saigon.

The military command gave no casualty figures for either battle, as militiamen straggled back to government lines. But military sources said Government losses were particularly heavy at Tanh Linh, where most of two militia battalions were still unaccounted for.

President Thieu, addressing military academy graduates at Dalat, said the fighting was an offensive, not just usual ceasefire violations, and called for a return of "the fighting spirit of 1972", when the communists last launched a big campaign.

The fall of Don Luan, a poter tial gateway for the movemer of equipment towards Saigoı left only an *isolated* garriso holding out in the Phuoc Lon district capital.

When Communist troops ca tured it earlier in the war bı Government units took heav casualties in a month-long can paign to wrest it back, militar sources said.

They were fighting then wit American air and logistic su port, but with the United State physical presence ended an concern over future military ai levels, the Government Arm may face a hard time, th sources said.

Mr John Marks, the Americaı co-author of a controversial bool on the United States Centra Intelligence Agency, left her today after being asked to d so by the police, a Governmen official said. He was declarec *persona non grata* and left Bangkok.

Mr Marks, who wrote *The CI. and the Cult of Intelligence* wit Victor Marchetti, entered Sout Vietnam after airport police h failed to notice his name on th list of those barred from Sout Vietnam, an official said.—Reuter.

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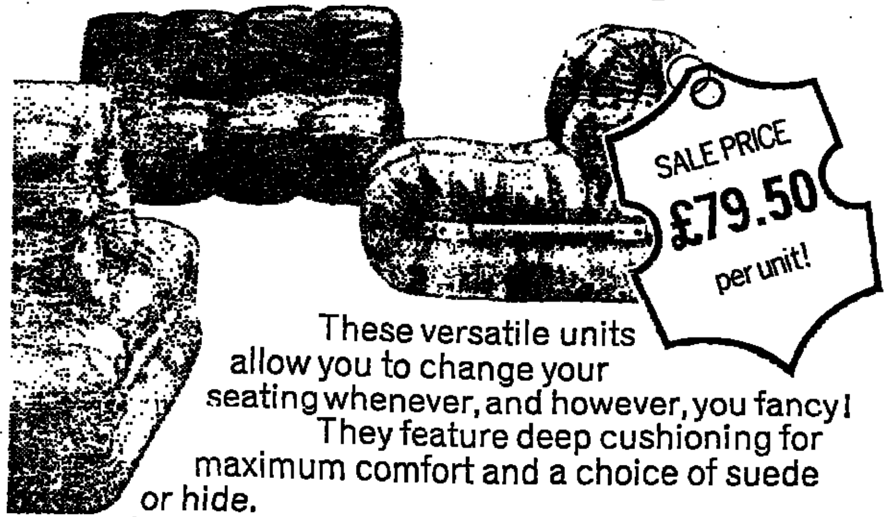

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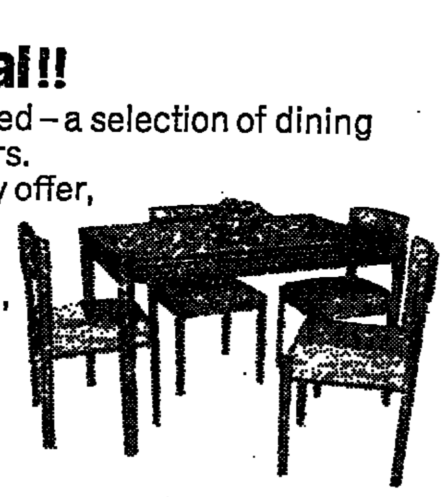

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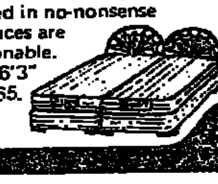

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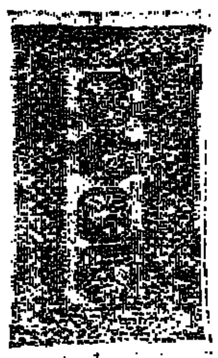

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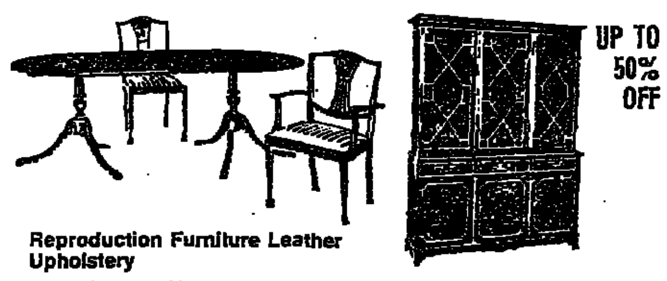

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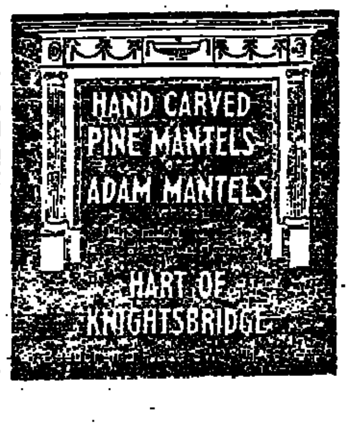

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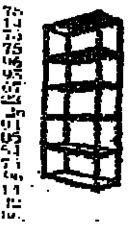

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Pussy Owl sings opera

by Brigid Brophy

“This is the one”, Mr Pumpelwitz said, pausing beside a doorway that was larger and more public-looking than the others in the street. “I'm sure this is the one I saw him go in at.”

Mrs Frax put her shopping bag down on the pavement and surveyed the porch.

“It was exactly here”, Mr Pumpelwitz said.

Mrs Frax looked upwards and read the lettering over the door.

“This is it”, she cried. She tucked her umbrella beneath her arm, snatched up her shopping bag and ran towards the doorway.

Mr Pumpelwitz read the lettering, which said PEACH-MELBA SCHOOL OF OPERA, and hurried after Mrs Frax.

They pushed one each of a handsome pair of brown glass swing doors and entered a foyer.

“Can I help you?” asked a woman who was sitting behind a reception desk.

“Yes, please”, Mr Pumpelwitz replied, approaching the desk in a business-like way. “Have you seen—Well, has a—It's rather hard to explain—”.

“Mr Pumpelwitz”, Mrs Frax called from another part of the foyer, “there's a notice here that says ‘To the Auditions’.”

“That'll be where he is”, Mr Pumpelwitz said, running to join Mrs Frax and giving a goodbye smile to the receptionist.

“One moment, please”, the receptionist said. She stood up behind her desk. “The auditions, which Mr Peach and Mr Melba are holding at present, are for candidates who wish to enter the School. Are you candidates?”

“Not personally”, Mrs Frax replied, setting off down a corridor in the direction pointed by the notice. “But it's important we get to the auditions in time.”

“Are you the parents or guardians of a candidate?”

“No”, Mr Pumpelwitz said, rather strongly.

“We're friends of a candidate”, Mrs Frax said amiably but hurriedly over her shoulder. “At least, we think he's probably a candidate by now—which is why we must rush.”

“But Mr Peach and Mr Melba don't like the auditions to be interrupted”, the receptionist said in a protesting way.

“I imagine Mr Peach and Mr Melba will be nothing but relieved to see us”, Mr Pumpelwitz answered.

Quickly he followed Mrs Frax, who [illegible] sign: AUDITIONS IN PROGRESS.

Opening the door softly, Mrs Frax and Mr Pumpelwitz stepped into a small theatre.

Rows of seats, their backs turned to the newcomers, led down to a stage, on which a man was standing, singing.

In the space between the front row and the stage there was an upright piano, at which a man was sitting, playing.

As quietly as possible Mrs Frax and Mr Pumpelwitz made their way down the centre aisle, peering carefully, as they went, along each row of seats.

Only the front row was occupied.

There, to the right of the centre aisle, sat two men, listening very intently to the singer.

To the left sat several young men and women, all of whom seemed to sit in their seats in a very upright and unmoving way, as though they were scared or, at the least, on their best behaviour.

“Those must be the candidates”, Mr Pumpelwitz mouthed to Mrs Frax.

“But *he's* not there”, she mouthed back.

Even though they had scarcely whispered and had lip-read rather than heard each other, one of the men on the right twisted round and held a finger before his mouth.

Mr Pumpelwitz and Mrs Frax slipped into one of the empty rows and, in slow motion, so as to creak and rustle as little as they could, sat down.

The singer brought his song to an end. A second or two afterwards, the pianist finished off the accompaniment.

There was silence. The two men in the right-hand part of the front row were intently making notes in notebooks.

A loud, harsh voice suddenly said:

“I can sing much better than that.”

The pianist whirled round on his revolving stool and looked in horror at the row of candidates.

Mrs Frax and Mr Pumpelwitz looked at each other.

One of the two men at the right said:

“I'm distressed to hear such a rude and offensive remark. I do not know who made it. But I should like to say that that is not the spirit we encourage at the Peach-Melba School, is it, Mr Melba?”

“It certainly is not, Mr Peach”, the second man replied. “At the Peach-Melba School, students work together as colleagues.”

“Especially”, added Mr Peach, whose voice was deep and warm and who pronounced each syllable separately and roundedly, “when we all work together in preparation for the public performance we give at the end of term.”

“It is one of our boasts”, said Mr Melba, whose voice was high, clear and with a heroic ring to it that might put people in mind of a young prince of chivalry inspiring his soldiers to battle, “that our students undergo the experience of working together as a company. Opera is a matter of cooperation. Indeed, as Mr Peach once remarked, opera should really be called co-opera.”

“A little joke of mine”, said Mr Peach, his voice becoming even deeper and more velvet with pleasure, “which Mr Melba flatters me by remembering. However, let us now, bearing the spirit of cooperation in mind, put the offensive incident behind us and continue the auditions.”

“Thank you for singing to us, candidate number three”, Mr Melba said. The singer jumped down from the stage and returned to his place in the front row on the left. “Is the next candidate ready?”

“Are *you* ready, Mr Tripple?”, Mr Peach asked the pianist.

“Ready when you are”, Mr Tripple replied, giving a brisk twist to his stool so that he faced the keyboard again.

“One moment”, Mr Melba said, holding up his hand. “I'm sorry to delay the candidates. Indeed, I'm sorry to delay *you*, Mr Tripple. But I think there's a cat under your piano.”

“Really?”, Mr Tripple said. He slid off the piano stool, knelt on the floor and peered beneath the piano.

“Personally, I love cats”, Mr Melba said. “But it might be distracting for the candidates.”

“It might be alarming for the cat”, Mr Peach said. “Particularly if Mr Tripple were playing bass chords.”

“Pussy”, Mr Tripple called, the side of his face flat against the floor. “Pussy . . .”

“I distinctly saw a tail”, said Mr Melba. “Rather a plump tail. And gingerish.”

“I'm afraid we arrived too late”, Mr Pumpelwitz whispered to Mrs Frax.

“Pussy”, Mr Tripple called again. “Pussy, pussy.”

There was a heavy thud on the top of the piano. Everybody, including Mr Tripple, who sat quickly back on his heels, stared.

A solid, furry creature was standing on the piano top and staring back at everybody—with large, shiny eyes that seemed to change colour as you looked at them. The creature was about the size of a large cat, but it stood on two legs, not four, and it was feathered as well as furry. It stood—but only just, because it was a little rocky after its heavy landing.

It had a furry tail, partly ginger and partly grey. The end of the tail was drooping insolently over the edge of the piano top and dangling above the keyboard.

“Pussy is only the first half of my name”, the creature said, in the same harsh voice which had commented rudely on candidate number three's performance. “My full name is Pussy Owl.”

“You can speak”, exclaimed Mr Tripple.

“It's a waste of time to remark on the obvious, Tripple”, Pussy Owl said. “Of course I can speak. What's more to the point is that I can sing.”

“That's the tail I saw”, Mr Melba said, his voice breathy with astonishment.

The end of the tail twitched.

[illegible] haughty tone. “It was stupid of you to describe my tail as plump, Melba. As a matter of fact, my tail is of the exact thickness that a tail ought to be. Plumper than my tail is fat. Thinner than my tail is skinny.”

“We did arrive too late”, said Mr Pumpelwitz.

“Oh, are you here, Pumpelwitz?” said Pussy Owl, peering from the top of the piano into the auditorium. “And Mrs Frax?” He raised one of his wings and gave a brief wave. “No, you're not too late.”

“Are you”, Mr Peach asked, turning round to address Mrs Frax and Mr Pumpelwitz, “are you—well, are you in charge of him?”

“No”, said Mr Pumpelwitz quickly.

“NO”, said Pussy Owl, stamping one of his feet with a thud on the piano top. “They're just friends of mine. I was afraid they weren't going to get here in time. But it's all right. They haven't missed anything, because I haven't sung yet.”

“Are you implying that you want to *sing*? Mr Peach asked, his full, deep voice drained almost to a squeak.

“That's right”, said Pussy Owl. “I'll give my audition now.”

“We must get this clear”, Mr Melba said. He rose and, clasping his notebook rather tightly, approached the piano. “You want to be auditioned for entrance to the Peach-Melba School? You want to come here to learn singing?”

“No”, said Pussy Owl.

“Well then—”, Mr Melba said, beginning to shrug.

“I want to come here to teach singing”, Pussy Owl said.

“That's out of the question”, said Mr Melba.

“There are no vacancies on the teaching staff”, said Mr Peach, rising and coming to stand beside Mr Melba as if in defensive alliance.

“Mr Peach and I undertake all the vocal instruction ourselves”, said Mr Melba.

“Besides”, put in Mr Tripple, who was still frozen in his squat on the floor, “what are your qualifications for teaching?”

“My qualifications”, Pussy Owl replied, with a condescending nod towards Mr Tripple, “are the singular beauty, power and range of my singing voice.”

“As for you two”, he went on, turning his attention back to Mr Peach and Mr Melba, “what about this operatic performance you put on at the end of term? I'll bet the two of you don't sing all the parts in that, just on your own.”

“The opera is sung by students, not staff”, Mr Melba said.

“Mr Melba is the producer”, said Mr Peach. “But the singing roles are taken by students.”

“In that case”, said Pussy Owl, “I'll be a student.”

“So *you* are applying for admission, after all”, Mr Melba said. He sighed and opened his notebook. “I must take your particulars, then. Surname and initials, please.”

“Owl, P.”, said Pussy Owl. “Zoological name: *Strix Felix*.”

“We haven't a space for the zoological name on the application form”, Mr Melba said.

“All our students till now have been *Homo Sapiens*”, said Mr Peach.

“Then it's time you broadened your horizons”, Pussy Owl replied. “When I have a moment to spare, I'll draw you up a better application form. Next question?”

“Age?” said Mr Melba.

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David Frankland

“Two foot one.”

“I think that must be your height, not your age.”

“I daresay it is”, said Pussy Owl in a careless way. “As a matter of fact, operatic stars usually keep their age a secret.”

“You're not a star yet”, murmured Mr Tripple from the floor, too quietly for Pussy Owl to hear.

“Write down my height, Melba”, Pussy Owl said, with an impatient wave of one of his wings towards Mr Melba's notebook. “It's a very good height. You ought to have a record of it. Taller than me is overgrown. Shorter than me is dwarfish.”

Resignedly Mr Melba made a note.

“Next question”, demanded Pussy Owl. “You're awfully slow at your job, Melba.”

“Instrument?” Mr Melba asked.

“What do you mean?” said Pussy Owl. “I sing.”

“Students aren't allowed to study voice alone. They have to study an instrument as well.”

“Oh”, said Pussy Owl. “Oh well, I play the triangle.” He rose rather heavily on to tiptoe and called into the auditorium: “Don't I, Mrs Frax and Mr Pumpelwitz?”

“Brilliantly”, Mr Pumpelwitz said.

Mr Peach advised Mr Melba: “Write down ‘Percussion’.”

“All right”, Mr Melba said, “if you think it satisfactory, Mr Peach.” He wrote; and then looked up at Pussy Owl. “Register?”

“Register?”

“Your singing voice”, Mr Peach explained. “Is it tenor, baritone or bass?”

“Oh, I see”, said Pussy Owl. “All of them.”

“All of them?”

“And alto and treble, as well”, Pussy Owl said. “Why don't you stop wasting time and listen to me singing?”

“It isn't really your turn”, Mr Melba protested. “As a late applicant, you should come at the end.”

“I'm bored with waiting”, said Pussy Owl.

“Let's get it over with”, said Mr Peach.

Looking a little beaten, he and Mr Melba returned to their seats in the stalls.

“Ready, Mr Tripple?” asked Mr Melba.

“Ready”, Mr Tripple replied. He rose briskly from the floor, strode to the piano and asked Pussy Owl: “Where's your music?”

“I don't need music.”

“But I do”, said Mr Tripple. “So that I can accompany you.”

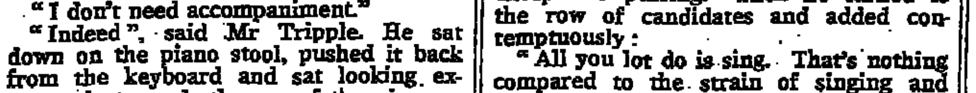
“I don't need accompaniment.”

“Indeed”, said Mr Tripple. He sat down on the piano stool, pushed it back from the keyboard and sat looking expectantly towards the top of the piano.

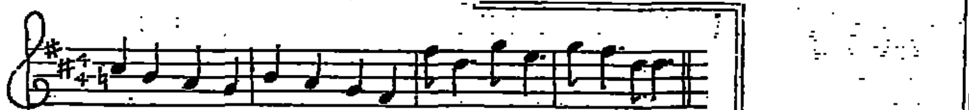
Pussy Owl stretched both his wings out horizontally and gave two little flicks with the tips, while he said:

“Two, three.”

Then he folded his wings to his sides again and sang, in a deep, booming and not very melodious voice:



Half way through his song, he paused, extended his wings again, whirred them for a moment and then, slowly and rather unsteadily, rose straight up into the air to a height of four or five feet above the top of the piano. There, with his wings stretched and his tail streaming behind him like the tail of a kite, he hovered. Meanwhile, this time in a high and screeching voice, he finished the song:



At the end, still high up in the air, Pussy Owl said:

“See. I can go as high as you like.”

Suddenly he folded in his wings, swooped and landed, feet first, with a solid thud, on the piano top.

“Or as low as you like”, he added, rather puffily, while he only just managed to keep his balance after landing.

“It certainly is a remarkable sight”, Mr Melba said thoughtfully.

“And a remarkable performance too, didn't you think?” demanded Pussy Owl as fiercely as he could through his puffiness.

“Well”, Mr Peach remarked in a tactful way, “some of the notes were in tune.”

“I don't see how you can judge”, Pussy Owl replied indignantly. “You'd never heard the song before, so you don't know what it ought to sound like.” He paused and puffed for a moment, then added carelessly:

“I composed it myself. As a matter of fact, I wrote the words, too.”

“I wonder, Pussy Owl”, Mr Melba said, still sounding thoughtful, “if you would sing us something else—something more conventional, I mean, which we *have* heard before.”

“I'd rather do my dance”, Pussy Owl answered. And he jumped up into the air and then landed, heavily, on his left foot. He hopped into the air again and then landed, heavily, on his right foot.

“Not on top of my piano you don't”, cried Mr Tripple.

“We don't teach ballet at the Peach-Melba School”, interposed Mr Peach tactfully.

“Oh, all right”, Pussy Owl said, stopping. “As a matter of fact, I *am* rather exhausted after my previous performance.” He stood still for a moment, silent except for puffing. Then he turned to the row of candidates and added contemptuously:

“All you lot do is sing. That's nothing compared to the strain of singing and flying.”

“I hope you won't find it too much strain to sing us just one more piece, Pussy Owl”, Mr Melba said politely. “I'm sure you could borrow some music from one of the other candidates. What about that pretty piece of Purcell which candidate number two sang?”

“By all means”, said a young woman sitting in the candidates' row.

Some pages of sheet music were handed along the row and then passed to Mr Tripple, who propped them on the music stand on the piano.

Pussy Owl walked noisily across the top of the piano and paused at the edge above the keyboard. He peered down towards the music.

“It doesn't look very good music”, he said. “Not nearly as good as the Pussy Owl Song.”

“Can you sight-read?” asked Mr Tripple.

“Of course”, said Pussy Owl.

“Right, then”, said Mr Tripple; and stretching his hands above the keys he prepared to play.

“But not when the music's upside down”, said Pussy Owl.

“It's not upside down.”

“It is from where I'm standing. From where I'm standing, when the music goes up it looks as if it's going down. So don't blame me if it sounds odd.”

“I wonder if candidate number two would mind demonstrating?” asked Mr Melba. “Just a quick run-through, to give Pussy Owl an idea of what it sounds like?”

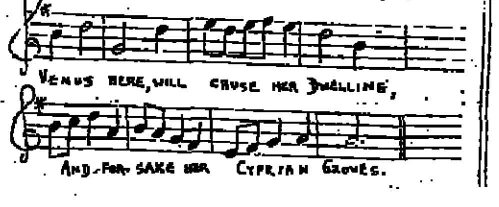
“Certainly”, said candidate number two.

“Quite unnecessary”, said Pussy Owl. “I can sight-read it perfectly, even if it is upside down.”

“I'm sure you can”, Mr Melba said soothingly. “The only reason I think a demonstration would help is that I'm hoping you'll fly round as you sing it to us, so you won't be able to sight-read it, as you won't be able to see the music. Will you sing it flying for us, please?”

“All right”, Pussy Owl said ungraciously. “But it's not easy, you know, singing and flying.”

Standing beside Mr Tripple, who accompanied her, candidate number two sang: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When she had finished, Mr Peach and Mr Melba thanked her; and she gave an encouraging smile to Pussy Owl before going back to her seat.

“I can sing it a lot better than that”, Pussy Owl said.

“Mr Melba”, said Mr Peach, “are you *sure* you want to hear Pussy Owl sing again?”

“I want to hear him sing and see him fly again”, Mr Melba said. “I've had an idea.”

“Anyone in his senses who'd heard Pussy Owl sing once would want to hear him sing again”, said Pussy Owl. “Come on, Tripple.”

He stretched his wings, rose vertically (and rather wobblingly) and then began to fly in a slow, uncertain circle round the auditorium.

As he flew, he suddenly (so suddenly that Mr Tripple had to hurry the beat to catch up with him) began to sing, in a loud, squawking voice:

“Fairest owl, all owls excell. . .”

“Stop”, called out Mr Peach, holding his hands over his ears.

With a bump Pussy Owl landed on the floor in front of him. “What's the matter?”

“Many things”, Mr Peach replied. “I'll try to go through them in order. First, your diction. It's appalling. You seemed to be singing ‘Fairest owl’ instead of ‘Fairest isle’.”

“‘Fairest owl’, that's right”, said Pussy Owl. “‘Fairest owl’ is the correct wording.”

“Oh no it's not”, cried Mr Tripple, advancing towards Pussy Owl and bringing the sheet music with him. “Look. It's printed here quite clearly. It's ‘isle’.”

“You've got an incorrect version”, Pussy Owl said coolly.

“Pussy Owl”, said Mr Peach, his voice very deep and very controlled, “this is a well-known piece of music. The words are by the great English poet John Dryden. The isle in question is the isle of Britain. The song is from the patriotic opera *King Arthur*, by the great English composer Henry Purcell. The—”

“You've got his name wrong, too”, Pussy Owl interrupted.

“I have NOT”, exclaimed Mr Peach. “I have been teaching the music of Henry Purcell to students for twen—”

“The correct form of the name”, Pussy Owl said, “is Puss-Owl. Henry Puss-Owl is an ancestor of mine. My talent for opera is inherited. Family tradition has preserved the correct spelling and pronunciation of the name, along with the correct words of the song, which goes: ‘Fairest owl, all owls excelling’. Henry Puss-Owl wrote the song in praise of our family. The owl who excels all other owls is, of course, the owl who is also a cat.”

“I have never heard anything like it”, said Mr Tripple; and he retired to the piano stool and lowered his head into his hands.

“No, of course you haven't”, Pussy Owl said. “My singing voice is unique, combining as it does the hoot of an owl with the miaow of a cat.”

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Sheila Hancock: spaghetti on my face

Déjà Revue, which opens at the New London Theatre on Monday, is Sheila Hancock's third revue. She was in *One to Another* (1959) and *One Over The Eight* (1961). "I swore I'd never do another revue as long as I lived. It's horrendous. So much depends on things like running order—a number that goes frightfully well in one position dies a death if you move it to another, so you're constantly rejigging." There are more costume changes than in any other kind of show and they have to be done more quickly. There are a dozen characterizations to cope with instead of one, and there's the risk of feeling very foolish if the audience remains unamused.

"One sketch is a send-up of Italian films in which spaghetti is flung about the stage, and it all goes over me. Even in a comedy, if the laughs don't come, you've still got the character to cling on to, and you've got the artists' eyes to look into, but if you're actually getting your face full of spaghetti *there's* no other motive except to make people laugh, and if they don't, it's humiliating beyond belief. Nothing freezes you more. But on the other hand you can't think 'I won't do it properly and then I'll look less of a fool'. In fact you look more of a fool."

Playing the show in Birmingham just after the IRA bombing she felt like an ENSA performer rallying morale during the war. "Here was a town that was shocked and stunned and unhappy, and one really did have a feeling that the show was a couple of hours of forgetfulness, fun and giggles. I don't think there's anything quite like it in London. I hope everybody will come and let their hair down. I greatly believe there must be serious plays. What survives every civilization? The art, the culture—doesn't it? And therefore I'm not saying that London should be full of revues, but I do think it would be a good thing if there was a London theatre that constantly had revue and was constantly hitting at targets, rather in the way *That Was the Week That Was* did on the air. There's a lot that needs sending up at the moment."

Sheila Hancock enjoys "the out-front technique and the eye-to-eye connexion with the audience "that revue demands". "It's what we used to do at Stratford East. I only did *Make Me an Offer* there in 1959, but I worshipped Joan Littlewood so much I used to go back and rehearse for things I wasn't going to be in. Up until then I'd been in weekly rep for years and years and years. One stuck very much to the rules and to French Acting Editions. She was the first one that made me like the audience. She knew I was intrinsically frightened of them. My instinct was that they were going to dislike me. She used to come into my dressing-room and say 'They're all out there, and I've heard them saying that they can't wait to see Sheila Hancock because they've heard how marvellous she is'. It was all absolute lies, but you had to go on with the confidence that they were going to come to you, and therefore you had to believe you had something of value to offer them. She was very against selling yourself too much, but if you clam up on stage you get nothing back, and I think the same happens in life. If you're tortured by your own miseries and your own complexes, you build a wall round yourself.

"She used to say 'When you're in the wings, imagine that you're in a dark, damp, frightening forest, and out there on the stage is light, warmth and love'. And she used to call me her little clown, which gave me a *raison d'être*. I came from an ordinary background and when I was at RADA I had a very strong accent. At that time RADA was almost a finishing school for some people, and the ones that succeeded were the beauties. Certain people were groomed as starlets on their looks rather than their talent. My height was against me—I was 5 foot 8½. I had to play leading ladies in rep, but as far as the West End was concerned, I didn't fit into any of the categories. It wasn't till the Littlewood revolution and the Royal Court—where funny-looking people suddenly came into their own—that one began to fit in."

Her part in *Make Me an Offer* was quite a small one and she wasn't very good, she feels, in *One Over the Eight*, though she got better during the run. But Michael Codron had great confidence in her. She'd made her first appearance in the West End when she took over the part of Lily Thompson in *Breath of Spring*, one of his earliest productions, and after *One Over the Eight* he offered her the role of Cyrenne in Charles Dyer's two-hander *Rattle of a Simple Man*.

"He'd already agreed to have Teddy Woodward, who was unknown. He'd done it in rep. And now Michael had to sell his backers the idea of yet another not successful non-name, when, I imagine, he could have got any actress in the country to play it. It was a fabulous part, and in those days star names did draw audiences. What he made us do was audition for the backers. Teddy and I rehearsed a scene, and they quite liked it. The critics pretty unanimously liked the show, and it ran over a year. But Michael went out on a limb, taking a risk on me, and he's done it time and time again with me."

Like Laurence Olivier, she believes that an actor should be able to amaze himself with his own courage, and she felt most in need of courage when she played Julia in Edward Albee's *A Delicate Balance* in 1969. "It was a harrowing scene to do. I had to cry and to scream for my mother. I had to let go to absolutely childish hysteria, and Peter Hall eventually broke it to me that he wanted me to end up lying on the floor and beating the carpet. At the first rehearsal in which I had to do that, I had to look at things that I prefer not to look at—depths of despair, depths of needing my mother, needing help. At read-throughs and when you're plotting it, you stand there trembling, hiding behind your script. You think 'Yes, well, I'll have a go at that scene tomorrow.' But ultimately the situation has to be created in which you do it. Without Peter making me believe I could do it, I couldn't have. I'd done plays like that in rep, but never in front of Dame Peggy Ashcroft at the Royal Shakespeare. In a way it was a breakthrough for me, and it had to be carried even further in the next Albee play, *All Over* (1972), in which the girl was even more aggressive, full of hate, full of loneliness—a distraught person. And at that time it was doubly difficult because my husband had just died the week before. I was busy trying to hide the fact that I was those things—because I had to carry on—but I had to strip myself bare and yet discipline it. I couldn't just break down and indulge myself in front of people I consider very much my peers. Angela Lansbury was incredible. She's so wise. In a sentence she could calm you and make you cope."

Ronald Hayman

Sugar plums to savour

The Nutcracker
Festival Hall

John Percival

That was not an empty seat next to me at the Festival Hall. Although you could not see him, the Ghost of Christmas Past was sitting in it, and the trouble was that he would keep whispering in my ear all the time.

"Do you remember", he asked me, "the days when Markova and Chauviré and Danilova and Verdy danced the Sugar Plum Fairy? And John Gilpin used to be so marvellous as the Prince, and Pat Dolin played Drosselmeyer? Or what about Vassili Trunoff's Russian dance—do you ever see anything like that nowadays?"

I tried to hush him, but he would prattle on, eventually asking me: "Is there a single role tonight which you have not seen better danced in previous Festival Ballet seasons?" True enough, I had to admit, but perhaps not quite so damning as it sounds. This *Nutcracker*, I tried to explain to him, is not for old fuddy-duddies like the Ghost and me. It is primarily a treat for children who have probably never seen ballet before and therefore cannot make comparisons.

Starting from scratch, they ought certainly to enjoy the Tchaikovsky music, under Terence Kern's lively direction. Maybe the party scene looks rather dreary, but they may identify with the children on stage ("And learn bad manners", my companion grunted). The transformations are super, even if the Christmas tree missed its cue and disappeared several bars late.

I must say it was a relief when the Ghost changed places at the interval with his brother Christmas Yet to Come. He chattered incessantly too, but about how easily the production could be brought to life again

"What is that barefoot child doing in the cold at the beginning? Does Dr Stahlbaum really have so many one-eyed, long-nosed friends that he does not recognize the footman's description of Drosselmeyer? Surely the management can remember or invent more fluent choreography? And why not revert to the Benois costumes instead of the present tarted-up versions?"

When not being interrupted, I thought Patricia Ruanne and Paul Clarke showed charm in the leads, although he needs to stretch his feet in the solos and she ought to hold her shoulders less tensely. And while we are making constructive suggestions, the walnut shell boat for Clara's journey should be made from only half a shell, not a whole one, or it will capsize.

South Bank Summer Music 1975

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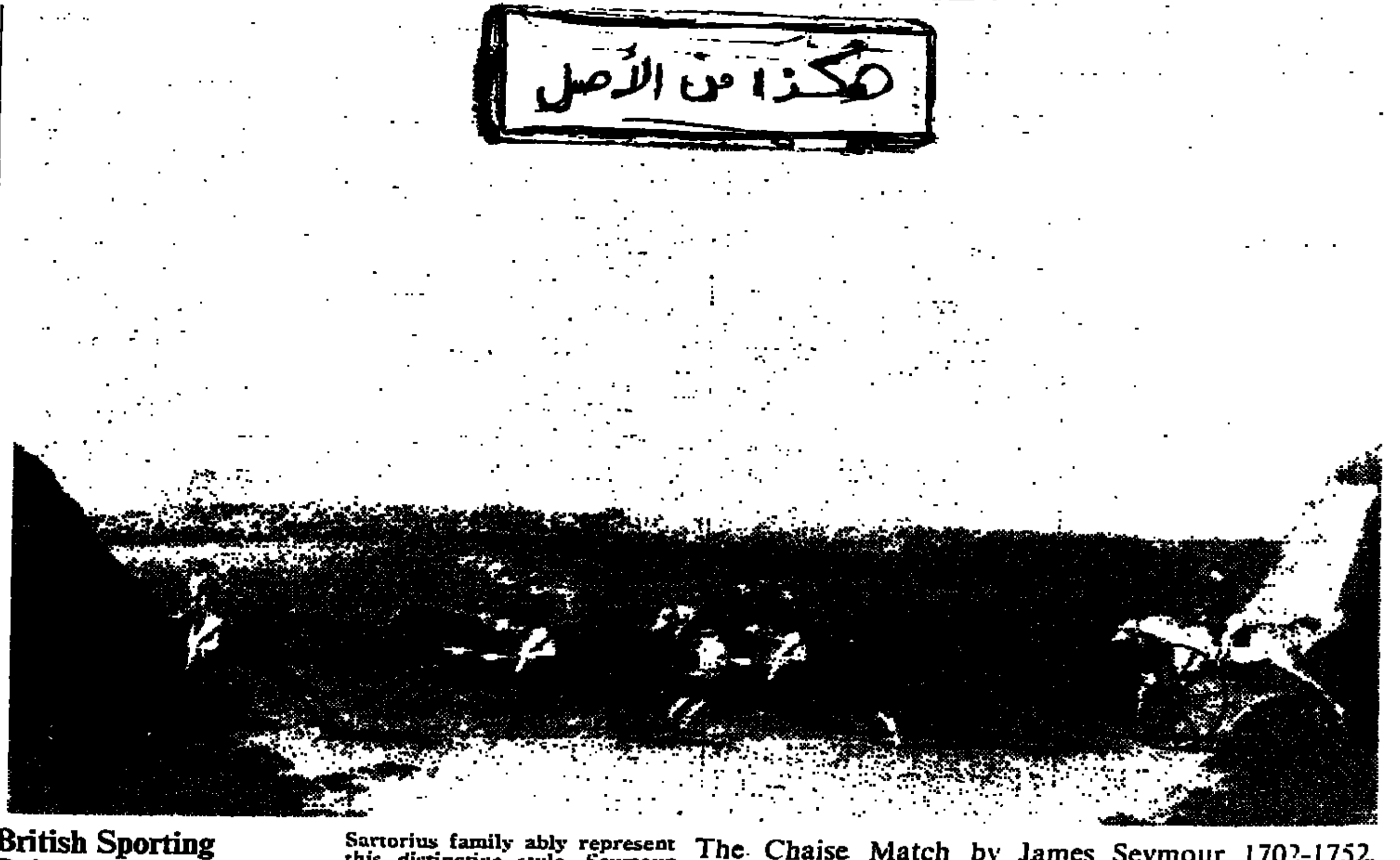

The Chaise Match by James Seymour 1702-1752, from the collection of Mr and Mrs Paul Mellon.

British Sporting Paintings

Hayward Gallery

William Gaunt

The British school of sporting painting that flourished in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries has gained in estimation in recent times through the view it gives of rural and social life in the past and also for its considerable merits, pictorially speaking. The remarkable development of an art form, parallel with that of hunting and racing, is the well and amply illustrated nucleus of the Arts Council's exhibition, *British Sporting Paintings*, 1650-1850, now at the Hayward Gallery until February 23, with more than 200 pictures and many accompanying prints and drawings.

Comprehensiveness suggested a look back first to the century of the Stuarts when Henry Peake recalls the ancient royal tradition of stag-hunting in his painting of Henry, Prince of Wales (James I's son) in the hunting field and George Barlow drew hounds and huntsmen in his lively style. But a connected evolution begins with the work of John Wootton and Peter Tillemans. The examples given show the type of composition they devised to meet the needs of aristocratic and squirearchic patrons, comprising views of their estates and organized hunting parties in a panoramic setting.

John Wootton's sporting panoramas, if somewhat laboured and tinged by foreign influence, are valuable documents of country living at its higher levels in the early part of the eighteenth century as well in such [illegible] *Henrietta Harley hunting the hare on Orwell Estate* and his view of Lord Portmore and his trainer watching King George I's racehorse at exercise.

More surprising perhaps is the advent of painters who may be called "genuine primitives" in a style owing little or nothing to others but with its own crispness of definition and nourished by a special acquaintance with the sporting world. James Seymour and the Sartorius family ably represent this distinctive style. Seymour could make an impressive portrait of Flying Childers, considered the first great thoroughbred racehorse. His *The Chaise Match* adds to the interest of a celebrated sporting wager and event an entertaining precision of design.

The Hayward exhibition's account of the later eighteenth century is inevitably dominated by the great personality of George Stubbs. The selection made illustrates the grandeur he could evolve from simple elements, the sense of character he could bring out in his grooms and stableboys as well as horses and hounds, his naturalism in subject and setting, his harmonious grouping of mares and foals in a field. Purely as an artist, as in the great *Gimcrack on Newmarket Heath*, he ascends to a level beyond that of Ben Marshall, Sawrey Gilpin and a score of able practitioners of about the same time or later who are also represented.

Gilpin's *The Death of a Fox* is a picture of savage pursuit that tends to arouse sympathy for the fox rather than its pursuers—though it is hard to believe the story that some hounds were killed and fastened in various positions so that the artist could copy their attitude in motion; or that as capable an artist as Gilpin would get any nearer the feeling of movement by employing such a device. It is in contrast with the brutal statements that John Fernelley depicts the elegance of the wealthy sportsman in the early nineteenth-century period of foxhunting.

Sport in the Hayward exhibition is not, however, all hunting and racing and has diverse illustration. Raeburn's Dr Spens [illegible] Garrick's brother fishes in the Thames at Hampton Court, in the splendid aquatints after James Pollard the stage coach rides again. Rather than strictly sporting, Landseer's *Monarch of the Glen* seems a sentimental evocation of the freedom of the wild. "Sport" at a lower level in the 1860s provides a nightmarish vision of men in black watching poker-faced a bull-terrier killing rats in a wooden enclosure.

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Chess

A family affair

In the days when it did not matter whether petrol was dear or not; in the days when Gilbert and Sullivan's *Trial by Jury* first delighted the public; in the days when my father came to this country; in short, in good Queen Victoria's golden reign there was a man of comfortable means who had some interest in chess strategy. Every Saturday afternoon while consuming tea and crumpets at the Athenaeum he would play a game of chess with his favourite nephew.

But I confine myself to saying that I can show you the very chess set (a magnificent example of Staunton chess men) with which they played still in its place in that gracious drawing room on the first floor of the club.

The two players were about equal in strength. The uncle was a solid strategist who swore by the scientific principles of Siegbert Tarrasch. As one might have expected from the younger man, the nephew was a follower of Emanuel Lasker. He occasionally irritated his uncle by tactless quotations from *Common Sense in Chess*; but still, he was the only other member of the family who played chess so, having no direct descendants and intending to die a bachelor like his father before him, he made a will bequeathing his entire fortune to the nephew.

The nephew, in his mind's eye, could see himself treating his nephew to tea and crumpets at the Athenaeum some time in the reign of Edward the Seventh. This was a curiously indirect family in which the chain of succession passed from nephew to nephew. The family tree was a series of knights' moves.

But one day, through an act of blind, predatory greed, he spoilt it all. Both uncle and nephew also became members of the Hampstead Chess Club, which was then, as indeed it still is, one of the leading clubs in the London Chess League. The nephew played on a high board in the second team, while the uncle, as befitted his senior status, usually stood by as a spectator and specialized in giving advice. This practice occasionally got him into trouble with those who were ignorant of his wealth. I am well aware that it is against the rules to give advice in these circumstances, but these rules are more honoured in the breach than the observance.

One evening the nephew was playing in an inter-club match against Brixton and the game he played on that occasion cost him a fortune. Many years later I discovered the score of the game together with an account of the sequel in the archives of the Brixton Chess Club which met at that time on the second floor of a public house in Half Moon Lane, Herne Hill. The nephew, whom I will call Y, had Black against a player called X.

The game, a lively brevity, went as follows.

White: X Black: Y. Q Pawn Opening.

1 P-Q4 Kt-KB3 2 B-Kt5 P-B4

An excellent alternative is 2 . . . , Kt-K5 and also good is 2 . . . , P-Q4.

3 P-Q5 Q-Kt3 4 Kt-QB3 QxP

A logical capture, but one that costs a lot of time since the Queen must be brought back to the centre.

5 B-Q2

Threatening to win off-hand by 6. R-Kt1, Q-R6; 7. Kt-Kt5.

5 . . . Q-Kt3 7 P-B4 P-Kt3
6 P-K3 P-Q3

Recently, for reasons that will eventually become apparent, this game was annotated in "64" by Geller and here he had the originally phrased comment that 7 . . ., P-K4 was worthy of consideration. From this one gathers that the grandmaster was not sure what the right move was. I believe that the best move was 7 . . . , P-K3 so as to deprive White of the ensuing thrust with his KP.

8 P-K5 PxP 10 Kt-B3 B-Kt2
9 PxP KKt-Q2 11 R-Kt1 0-0

Black's game is badly undeveloped, especially on the Queen-side where his pieces remain in their original positions till the end of the game.

12 P-K6 ! PxP 13 Kt-KKt5 Kt-KB3

If 13 . . . , Kt-B1; 14. B-Kt5 ch, B-Q2; 15. PxP, BxB; 16. KtxB, Q-B1; 17. 0-0, threatening Kt-B7 and then Kt-Q6 ch.

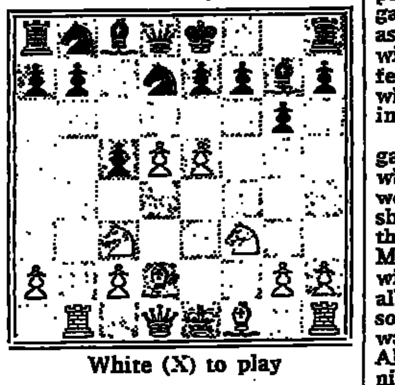
14 B-Kt5 ch
K-B1

And not 14 . . . ,B-Q2; 15. KtxKP.

15 PxP P-QR3 16 B-K3

A fine vigorous move; if

Black (Y)



White (X) to play

Black now plays 16 . . . , QxQ ch; 17. RxQ, PxB; then 18. R-Q8 ch, Kt-K1; 19. 0-0 ch, B-B3; 20. RxB, K-Kt2; 21. Kt-B7 and wins (21. . . ., BxKt; 22. B-R6 ch, K-Kt1; 23. RxKt mate.)

16. . . Q-R4 17 0-0 P-R3

Or 17. . . ., PxB; 18. RxP, Q-B2; 19. Kt-Q5, Q-Q1; 20. RxKt ch, BxR; 21. Kt-KB7, Q-K1; 22. Kt-B7, etc.

18 Q-Q5 K-Kt1

The end comes even quicker after 18. . . ., PxKt; 19. QxP, BxP; 20. Q-K8 mate.

19 QxP BxP 21 RxKt Kt-Q3
20 KtxB R-KR2 22 BxKt resigns.

Since after 22. . . ., PxR; 23. Kt-Q5 is decisive. In a state of high fury the uncle went to his lawyers and cut out his nephew from his will. Soon after he died.

The nephew sought to have the will put aside on the usual grounds that his uncle had not been of sound mind. But in a famous judgment the learned judge said that, as far as he was concerned, it was a case of *idem velle atque idem nolle*. Indeed he (the judge) after reading Tarrasch's *Dreihundert Schachpartien* had come to the conclusion that no one could be rightly termed sane who had played QxQKtP.

The strangest thing about all this is that in round three of the 42nd Soviet Championship, currently being played at Leningrad, Vaganian won exactly the same game, move for move, against Kupreichik. Who would dare to say now that history does not repeat itself?

Harry Golombek

Gardening

The day of the vegetable

As I remarked last week, most people, especially the non-gardeners, will remember 1974 as a wet year. The gardeners will remember it with mixed feelings, but I think on the whole, as being less exasperating than 1973.

Looking to the credit side gardeners will remember that while the winter and spring were dry—indeed, we were short of rain in many parts of the country until the end of May, this enabled us to get on with our work. Growth, especially of newly planted or newly sown crops, was slow unless it was possible to water them. Also, in my garden at least, the nights in late May and June were chilly, so sweet corn, melons under cloches, and outdoor tomatoes did more poorly than usual.

If, as regards these crops, there is a moral to be learned, it is to be prepared to grow them on, even if it means repotting until they can be planted out in the first or even the second week of June, and then for preference under cloches. The melons obviously will keep under cloches, but tomatoes and sweet corn quickly grow too tall for the cloches, and these have to be removed.

But from July onwards vegetables really came into their own. As I have said many times, all you need to grow plants are soil, sunshine and water. This year, with regular and adequate rainfall—too much in some areas—we had wonderful crops of leeks, brussels sprouts, winter cauliflowers, savoys, and coming, of sprouting broccoli.

Never had I seen better lettuces than those grown in the trials at the Royal Horticultural Society's Wisley gardens. They were sown on July 24, and in late September and early October were a splendid sight. Good old varieties like Feltham King and Lobjoit's Green cos showed up well, as did certain new varieties which we will no doubt see in the catalogues in due course.

I will admit I am a bit lazy about lettuces now. We sow a batch of mixed cos and cabbage varieties three or four times, the first sowing in March and the last in August. This gives us plenty of lettuces all summer, and very few indeed get away from us and bolt to seed. If they do, the chickens are happy to have them.

Also at Wisley was an interesting trial of Chinese cabbage. This vegetable makes a very large plant—an excellent family vegetable, that is, if the family likes cabbage. I admit I have not tasted it, either raw or cooked, but those who have find it very palatable. They tell me that eaten raw it is something like a cross between a lettuce and a soft savoy cabbage with a cabbage flavour.

On the debit side in my garden was the new Fiskeby soya bean. We raised plants in peat pots under glass and planted them out in early June, but the crop was negligible, we were not, as a family, particularly taken with the beans. Most people I have spoken to or heard from had a poor result with this bean. It may have been that the summer did not suit it.

The half-hardy annuals did remarkably well. The dwarf single dahlias from seed especially and also the new so-called penstemon flowered antirrhinum sold under various names such as Pixie and Bright Butterflies. I must say that being rather conservative in these matters I was not expecting to like these antirrhinums with open widely tubular flowers. But they are most attractive and I commend either the tall Bright Butterflies mixture, which grows to about two and a half feet, or the dwarf Pixie hybrids, only about 8in to 12in high.

The dwarf bedding scarlet salvias, I admit, are not among my favourite flowers. They remind me of the almost obligatory French bedding schemes, and to me are rather vulgar. Every Frenchman seems to favour a bed in the front garden of scarlet salvias, with a large canna in the middle, and an edging of white alyssum. But there are obviously places where salvias are appropriate.

Early in the year many of us who are interested in the charities which derive a considerable part of their income from private gardens kindly opened to the public were concerned about the effect the rising price of petrol would have on these garden visits. We hoped that so far from deterring people from visiting gardens, more people might do so, and this is in fact what happened.

As anyone connected with charities knows, they are running into hard times. Some garden owners every year have to fall out of the open gardens scheme because of labour and other difficulties. But it is encouraging that more new garden owners come forward each year—indeed, at present 40 new gardens have been added to the Gardeners' Sunday list, and there is still time for anyone prepared to open their garden in 1975 to get in touch with The Organizers, Gardeners' Sunday, White Witches, Claygate Road, Dorking, Surrey.

Jobs for January

● Be prepared for snow and frost. Have grit, sand or salt placed at strategic spots in case you have difficulty with frozen sloping paths or drives.

● Check that all frost susceptible items, dahlia and begonia tubers, gladiolus corms, onions and shallots, and potatoes, are safe.

● Examine all stuff in store every 10 to 14 days, and remove any that are rotting. Watch particularly for signs of mouse damage in stores, frames, greenhouses or even among crocuses and other bulbs on the open ground. Our mice have been particularly troublesome this year. They have sneered at cheese and milk chocolate, but I have had considerable success with monkey nuts as bait.

● Finish pruning fruit trees and bushes, and spray with a suitable winter spray against pests.

● Clean glass on greenhouses, frames or cloches. The wet autumn has made a lot of glass very dirty with green deposits. Warm water laced with detergent does the trick.

● Check stock of canes, stakes, pea sticks, garden twine, fertilizers, insecticides, and any other garden sundries you know you will need in the coming months. My bet is that they will be progressively more expensive, and probably supplies will be sporadic. Stock up now. This is not panic buying.

Roy Hay

ENTERTAINMENTS

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OPERA AND BALLET

COVENT GARDEN 240 1066
THE ROYAL BALLET
Today 2.0, Tonight, Mon. & Wed 7.30 Sleeping Beauty. Thur 7.30 Scenes de ballet, Monotones, Daphnis & Chloe.
THE ROYAL OPERA
Tue. & Fri. 7 Le nozze di Figaro. Seats available current booking & Fri.

COLISEUM 01-836 3161
ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA
[illegible] Thur. next 7.30 Barber of Seville. Tues next 5.30 The Mastersingers. No Opera perfs. Mon., Wed. & Fri. (For Peter Pan see under Theatres.)

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL (928 3191). Tomorrow at 3 p.m. **OPUS** (U). Colour film of contemporary British Art. **ENIGMA VARIATIONS** (U). Colour film with **ROYAL BALLET. MUSIC** (U). Colour film inc. Beatles, Menuhin, Tippett, Curzon, etc. Tickets 60p, 70p, 80p.

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SADLER'S WELLS THEATRE. Rosebery Ave. 837 1672. Evgs. 7.30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2.30. **D'OYLY CARTE** in **GILBERT AND SULLIVAN.** Tonight: Patience. Mon., Tue. & Wed. next: The Mikado.

THEATRES

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AMBASSADORS. 836 1171. Ev. 8. Sat. 6 & 8.40. Tue. (all seats £1.50). 2.45
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THEATRES

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GREENWICH. 858 7755. Until Jan. 11 **HARDING'S LUCK** a Christmas play by Peter Nichols, 2.30 & 6.30; Until Jan. 4: **ASPECTS OF MAX WALL** a one man show, evenings 9.30.

HAMPSTEAD THTR. CLUB. 722 9301. Mon to Jan 11: Children's Shows 2 pm: **KOVARI,** Master Magician from Budapest. 5.30 pm: **SON SON GET THE GUN,** an adventure story. (From Jan 7: **THE SASH** by Hector MacMillan).

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THEATRES

PICCADILLY. 437 4506. Mon. to Fri. 8. Sat. *5.30 & 8.30.* Mat. Wed. 3.15.
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DRACULA
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LAND OF THE DINOSAURS

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THE DAME OF SARK
"SUPERB"—Harold Hobson.

YOUNG VIC (by Old Vic) 928 6363 [illegible] **FANTASTIC FAIRGROUND** [illegible] mas adventure [illegible] last perfs. [illegible] **ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD.** Jan 8. **MACBETH.**

YOUNG VIC STUDIO [illegible] 24, 27, 28, 29, 31, Jan 2, 3 at 2.30 pm. **THE HOGARTH PUPPETS.**

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And at 11 p.m.
MATT MONRO

CINEMAS

ABC 1 & 2 Shaftesbury Ave. 836 8861 Sep. perfs. All seats bookable.
ABC 1: MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS (A). [illegible] & Sun. [illegible] 5.30, 8.30. Late Show Tonight [illegible]
ABC 2: AIRPORT 1975 (A). Wk. & Sun. 2.15, 5.15, 8.15. Late Show Tonight 11.15.
ABC BLOOMSBURY 837 1177 Brunswick Sq. Nr. Russell Sq. Tube. **WHAT'S UP DOC** [illegible] 5.45, 8.35. Sun. 6.05, 8.55. Progs. 2.30, 5.00, 7.30. Sun. 5.00, 7.30. Late Show Tonight 11.00.
ACADEMY ONE (437 2981). Terrence Malick's award-winning **BADLANDS** (X). Pgs. 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.30.
ACADEMY TWO (437 5129). Victor Erice's **THE SPIRIT OF THE BEEHIVE** (AA) & **MIKIS THEODORAKIS** (U). Progs. 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
ACADEMY THREE. 437 8819. Tarkovsky's Russian Masterpiece, **ANDREI RUBLEV** (AA). 5.45, 8.30. Sat. 3.10, 5.45, 8.30.
COLUMBIA 734 5414 Jon Voight **THE ODESSA FILE** (A). Cont. Progs. Dly. 2.35, 5.25, 8.15. Sun. 2.35, 5.25, 8.25. Late Show Fri. and Sat. 11.30.
CURZON, Curzon St. W.1. 499 3737 Ingmar Bergman's **SCENES FROM A MARRIAGE** (AA), at 1.55, 4.35, 7.35, Sun. 4.10, 7.15. Phone bookings accepted. "The best and most intelligent film around in London at present."—David Robinson, Times.
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ICA Mall. 930 6393. 3.0 Peter Smith's **WHAT NEXT?** (U) kids 25p 5.0 Makavejev's **SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR** (X) 7.0 Makavejev's **W. R. MYSTERIES OF THE ORGANISM** & Polanski's **TWO MEN & A WARDROBE** 9.0 Warhol's **LONESOME COWBOYS.**

CINEMAS

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MINEMA. 45 Knightsbridge 235 4225 6 [illegible] **"THE WIZARD OF OZ"** (U) [illegible] 3.0. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.15. All seats £1.30 [illegible] Children [illegible] at 3.0 & 6.30 Perfs. Showing until Wed. 1st Jan.
ODEON HAYMARKET (930 2738) [illegible] Dirk Bogarde, Charlotte Rampling. **THE NIGHT PORTER** (X). Sep. Progs. Wk. 2.45, 5.00, 8.20. Sun. [illegible] Late Show Fri. and Sat. [illegible] seats bookable.
ODEON, LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111). **THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN** (A). Cont. Progs. Wk. [illegible] 5.25, 8.10. Sun. [illegible] 8.10. Late Show Fri. and Sat. [illegible] Circle Seats Bookable. Advance Booking on 930 0416.
ODEON, MARBLE ARCH (723 2011 2) Roger Moore, Susannah York, **GOLD** (A). Sep. Progs. 1.00, 4.30, 8.00. Sun. [illegible] 8.00. Late Show Sat. [illegible] All Seats Bookable.
ODEON, ST. MARTIN'S LANE (836 0691). A Sublime Trip To A Fine New World **FANTASTIC PLANET** (X). **CRYSTAL VOYAGER** (U). Music By The Pink Floyd. Cont. Progs. Wk. 2.00, 4.50, 7.30. Sun. [illegible] Late Show Sat. [illegible]
PARAMOUNT, Lower Regent St. **AIRPORT 1975** (A). Progs. Daily 12.00, [illegible] Late Show [illegible] Sat. [illegible] All seats bookable. No phone bookings.
PARIS PULLMAN. Sth Ken 373 5898 **AGUIRRE, WRATH OF GOD** (A). [illegible]
PRINCE CHARLES, Leic. Sq. 437 8181 The Sensation of London **EMMANUELLE** (X). [illegible] Sun. 2.15. [illegible] Late Show 11.45. Every [illegible] Seats [illegible]
QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL [illegible] **TALES OF BEATRIX POTTER** [illegible]
RITZ. [illegible] **SUPERCOPS** (A). Progs. Daily [illegible] 4.20, [illegible] Late Show Fri. & Sat. [illegible]
STUDIO ONE. Oxford Circus. 437 3300. Walt Disney's **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS** (U). Progs. [illegible] (not Sun.), 3.00, 6.15, 8.30.
SCENE 2. Leics. Sq. (Wardour St.) [illegible] William Peter Blatty's **THE EXORCIST** (X). Directed by [illegible] Sep. Perfs. Dly. [illegible] 6.15, 9.00. Late Show [illegible] Dec. 31. Box Office open [illegible]
UNIVERSAL, Lower Regent St. **THE FRONT PAGE** (A). Progs. Daily [illegible] 2.15, 5.30, 8.15. Late Show [illegible] Sep. Perfs. All seats [illegible] No phone bookings.
WARNER WEST END, Leicester Square. [illegible]
1 Barbra Streisand, Ryan O'Neal **WHAT'S UP DOC?** (U). Cont. Progs. Wk. 2.05, 4.10, 6.20, 8.30. Sun. [illegible] 5.40, 8.00. Late Show Sat. [illegible]
2 Peter Finch, Liv Ullmann, **THE ABDICATION** (AA). Sep. Perfs. All Sts. Bkble. 2.45, 5.45, 8.45. Late Show Sat. 11.45.
3 Federico Fellini's **AMARCORD** (X). Sep. Perfs. All Seats Bkble. 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Late Show Sat. 11.30.

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BBC 1

8.35 am, Trumpton. 8.50, Josie. 9.10, The Languages of Animals, by David Attenborough: Be Mine (part 2). 9.40, Film, The Golden Age of Comedy (1958).* 10.55, The Virginian. 12.12 pm, Weather. 12.15, Grandstand: 12.25, Football Focus. 12.50, 1.25, 1.55, 2.25 Racing from Newbury. 1.10, Lord Manny Shinwell looks back on a lifetime's interest in boxing. 1.45, Test Cricket from Australia. 2.15, 2.45, Motor Racing from Brands Hatch. 3.0, Rugby: York v Bramley. *3.50, Golf: Jacklin v Oosterhuis.* 4.40, Final Score. 5.10, Shari Lewis.
5.20 News.
5.35 Dr Who.
6.00 Bruce Forsyth and the Generation Game.
6.45 Film, On the Beat (1963), with Norman Wisdom, Jennifer Jayne, Raymond Huntley, David Lodge.*
8.30 Shirley Bassey.
9.20 Kojak.
10.10 News.
10.20 Match of the Day.
11.20 That's Life 1974.
12.20 am, Weather.
* Black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1):
BBC WALES: 8.50-9.10 am, Teliffant. **SCOTLAND:** 5.00-5.10 pm (and 5.30-5.35, 10.20-10.50), Sportsreel. 10.50-11.20, Songs of Scotland. 12.22 am, Scottish News Headlines. **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 5.00-5.10 pm, Scoreboard. 5.30-5.35, Northern Ireland News. 12.22 am, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

Southern

9.15 am, ATV. 10.10, Martial Arts. 10.35, Amazing Chan. 11.00, Weather. 11.05, Dusty's Trail. 11.30, Edgar Briggs. 12.00, Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Woody Woodpecker. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Candid Camera. 7.00, Sale of the Century. 7.30, Kung Fu. 8.30, London. 9.45, Film, Up the *Junction, with Suzy Kendall, Dennis* Waterman. 12.15 am, Southern News. 12.20, Weather, Guideline.

Granada

9.15 am, ATV. 10.05, Film, Kenneth More in Reach for the Sky. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Bugs Bunny. 5.35, Candid Camera. 6.00, New Faces. 7.00, Film, John Derek and George Macready in Rogues of Sherwood Forest. 8.30, London. 9.45, Kung Fu. 10.40, Film, Tom Adams and Veronica Hurst in Licensed to Kill. 12.25-1.20 am, The Judy Garland Show, with Ethel Merman.*

HTV

9.05 am, London. 10.00, Sesame Street. 11.00, It's Time for Me. 11.30, Tarzan. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Cartoon. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Candid Camera. 7.00, Sale of the Century. 7.30, Kung Fu. 8.30, London. 9.45, Film: How I Won the War, with Michael Crawford, John Lennon, Roy Kinnear. 11.45, No, Honestly. 12.15 am, Weather. **HTV CYMRU/WALES:** As HTV except: 7.00-7.30 pm, Sion a Sian.

Westward

9.15 am, ATV. 9.40, Sesame Street. 10.40, Skippy. 11.05, Tarzan: Deadly Silence, Part 1. 11.55, Gus Honeybun. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20 Cartoon. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Candid Camera. 7.00, Sale of the Century. 7.30, Film: Crooks and Coronets, with Telly Savalas, Warren Oates, Cesar Romero, Dame Edith Evans. 9.30, News. 9.45, It's Norman. 10.45, ATV. 11.50, Faith for Life.

Border

10.15 am, Merrie Melodies. 10.40, Film: Willy McBean and His Magic Machine. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.25, Border Sports Results. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Candid Camera. 7.00, Sale of the Century. 7.30, The Magician. 8.30, London. 9.45-12.00, Film: The Amorous Adventures of Moll Flanders, with Kim Novak, Richard Johnson, George Sanders.

BBC 2

3.00 pm, Film: Jupiter's Darling (1955), with Esther Williams, Howard Keel, Marge and Gower Champion, George Sanders. 4.35-5.00, Play Away.
6.30 News.
6.45 Rugby: Cardiff v Ebbw Vale, highlights.
7.25 S'Wonderful — S'Marvellous — S'Gershwin — Jack Lemmon introduces a tribute to George Gershwin.
8.30 An Unofficial Rose, from the novel by Iris Murdoch, Part 1.
9.20 This Year, Next Year, introduced by Charles Wheeler, worldwide miscellany.
11.10 Test Cricket from Australia.
11.40-11.45 News.

Tyne Tees

9.05 am, In Tune. 9.35, London. 10.00, Cartoon. 10.15, Captain Scarlet. 10.40, The Beachcombers. 11.05, Lassie. 11.30, The Lone Ranger. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.30, ATV. 6.00, New Faces. 7.00, Sale of the Century. 7.30, Kung Fu. 8.30, London. 9.45, Film, Rachel, Rachel, with Joanne Woodward, James Olson. 11.35, Hawaii Five-O. 12.35 am, Epilogue.

Yorkshire

9.05 am, London. 10.00, The Enchanted House. 10.15, Arthur. 10.40, The Beachcombers. 11.05, Lassie. 11.30, The Lone Ranger. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.30, Candid camera. 6.00, New Faces. 7.00, Sale of the Century. 7.30, Kung Fu. 8.30, London. 9.45, Film: The Mercenaries, with Rod Taylor, Yvette Mimieux, Jim Brown, Kenneth More. 11.30-12.15 am, Discovery.

Ulster

10.45 am, Talking Hands. 11.00, Skippy. 11.30, Sesame Street. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Sportscast. 5.50, Cartoon. 6.00, ATV. 7.30, Candid Camera. 8.00, The Odd Couple. 8.30, London. 9.45-12.25 am, Film, Ship of Fools, with Vivien Leigh, Simone Signoret, Lee Marvin, Oskar Werner, George Segal.

Anglia

9.00 am, London. 9.55, Alphabet Soup. 10.20, Film: Willy McBean and his Magic Machine. 12.00, Merrie Melodies. 12.30 pm, London. 6.50, Film: Ten Tall Men, with Burt Lancaster. 8.30, London. 9.45, Candid Camera. 10.15, Film: The Mercenaries, with Rod Taylor. 12.00, Carols.

Radio

1

5.00 am, News. Bruce Wyndham.† 8.03, Racing bulletin. 8.06, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Stuart Henry. 12.00, Rosko. 2.00 pm, All-American Heroes.† 3.00, Alan Freeman.† 5.00, David Simmons.† 6.30, In Concert.† 7.30, Top Tunes." 8.30, Radio Orchestra.† 10.02, Alan Black.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Ray Moore. 2.00, News. † Stereo.

2

5.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Charlie Chester.† 12.02 pm, Sammy Cahn's Songbook. 1.02, The Gag-Crackers' Ball. 1.30-5.55, Sport (1500m only), including Football: racing at Newbury; cricket, Third Test; Sporting Chance Grand Final; and Sports Report. 6.03, Pick of the Sporting Year. 7.02, Mike Yarwood. 7.30, Radio 1. 10.02, European Pop Jury. 11.02, Ray Moore. 12.00-2.02 am, Radio 1.

3

6.00 am, Cricket: Third Test. 7.10, Concert: Berlioz, Albeniz, arr Halffter, Saint-Saens, Dvorak.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Humperdinck, Bizet, Prokofiev.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Stereo Release 1974.† 11.15, The Young Idea.† 12.15 pm, Concert: Weber, Beethoven.†
1.00, News. 1.05, The Positive World. 1.20, Concert: part 2, Tchaikovsky, reconstructed Bogatyrev.† 2.00, Man of Action: Peter Hall.† 3.15, Matinee Musicale.† 4.15, Giacomo Carissimi.† 5.05, Jazz Record Requests.† 5.50, Tennyson, the Changing View, with Professor Christopher Ricks. Hallam Tennyson.
6.50, Lucio Silla, opera seria by J. C. Bach.† 7.50, The Positive World. 8.05, Lucio Silla, Acts 2 and 3.† 9.45, Tippett at 70. 10.20, BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra: Schumann, Roussel.† 11.00, Dancing Under Fire: New Year's Eve in Allendale, Northumberland. 11.15, Concert: part 3, Beethoven. 11.55-12.00, News.

4

6.50 am, Outlook. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Farm. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Outlook. 7.50, Today. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.30, Sportsdesk. 8.40, Today's Papers. 8.55, Liberal Party political broadcast. 9.00, News. 9.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 9.30, Talking Politics. 10.00, News. 10.02, The Weekly World. 10.15, Service. 10.30, Pick of the Week. 11.30, Science Now. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Top of the Form. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, News. 1.15, Any Questions? 2.00, Weekend Woman's Hour. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: The Silver Locket. 4.00, News. 4.02, 4th Dimension. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Derek Cooper. 7.00, News. 7.02, Desert Island Discs. 7.30, Richard Baker. 8.30, Play: Michael and his Lost Angel. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, A Word in Edgeways. 11.00, Prayers. 11.15-11.36, News. 11.45-11.48, Inshore waters forecast.
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London Weekend

9.00 am, Gardening. 9.25, All in a Day's Work. 9.45, Saturday Scene. 9.50, Batman. 10.20, London Bridge. 10.50, Junior Police Five. 11.05, The Juggler. 11.35, Tarzan: Mountains of the Moon, part 2. 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, Sports Stars 1975. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Six: 1.30, Newcastle; 1.45, Warwick; 2.00, Newcastle; 2.15, Warwick; 2.30, Newcastle; 2.45, Warwick. 3.10, Muhammad Ali Talk-in. 3.50, Results, Scores, News. 4.00, *Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.*
5.20 New Faces.
6.20 Sale of the Century.
6.50 Film: The Land Raiders, with Telly Savalas, George Maharis, Arlene Dahl.
8.30 Norman Wisdom.
9.30 News.
9.45 Candid Camera.
10.15 Film: Life at the Top (1966), with Laurence Harvey, Jean Simmons, Honor Blackman, Michael Craig, Donald Wolfit, Robert Morley.*
12.20 am, What Was He Like? with Margaret Rawlings.

ATV

9.15 am, Gardening. 9.45, All in a Day's Work. 10.10, Tiswas. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Cartoon. 5.30, Candid Camera. 6.00, Sale of the Century. 6.30, New Faces. 7.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 8.30, London. 9.45, Kung Fu. 10.45-11.50, Aquarius: Bernstein at Tanglewood.

Scottish

9.40 am, Preludes. 10.05, All in a Day's Work. 10.35, The Geordie Scene. 11.00, Film, Good Morning, Boys, with Will Hay, Graham Moffatt, Lilli Palmer, Martita Hunt, Charles Hawtrey.* 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Cartoon. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Sale of the Century. 7.00, Film, Heat of Anger, with Susan Hayward, James Stacy, Lee *J. Cobb. 8.30, London. 9.45, The* Streets of San Francisco. 10.40, Late Call. 10.45-12.30 am, Film, Murderers' Row, with Dean Martin, Karl Malden, Ann-Margret.

Grampian

11.30 am, Zoom! 12.30 pm, London. 6.20, Film: The Way West, with Kirk Douglas, Robert Mitchum. 8.30, London. 9.45, Candid Camera. 10.15, Kung Fu. 11.10, The Odd Couple. 11.40, Prayers.

Radio

Epitaph

The year is dying, let it die—but not just yet, nor entirely unmarked, for this is the [illegible] headstone for Radio 1974.

It has been a good year—by and large. Look back and there is Virginia Browne's affectionate family history, *The Far Off and the Near, one of* that uncommon indefinable species, the feature with *Plain Tales from the Raj,* a more recent specimen, telling us in penetrating terms and with due honour to those who administered it what British rule in India was about. I remember Kenneth Williams turned philosopher in *The Crystal Spirit* and surprising those who only knew him as camp comic. In 1974 radio science suddenly revived after a long illness and *currently Science Now* (R4) and *Scientifically Speaking* (R3) make two regular and steady contributions, clearly differentiated in their appeal. Benny Green's presentation of *A London Child of the 70s* still lingers pleasantly in the memory; so does the undiminished vigour of *A Word in Edgeways* and the straightforwardness of *Parents and Children.*

Perhaps because it deals so largely in the new and unrepetitive, drama always gets the longest list of credits which could extend from here to the foot of the page with Peter Cator's *The Search for Hamilton Stiggs* and John Fletcher's *Wandering in Eden* somewhere near the top. The first of these came to light out of the generous and productive *Radio Times* competition whose second prize went to Shirley Gee's imaginative *Stones.* What else? Bill Morrison's *The Great Gun Running Episode;* Philip Martin's *Lord Nelson Lives in Liverpool 8*: Jonathan Raban's *The Anomaly.* Among the classics, O'Neill's *Mourning Becomes Electra;* among the adaptations, *Sword of Honour* and *The Balkan Trilogy;* among the imports, *The Non-Divine Comedy:* among the hard-to-classify, Derek Raby's *Tiger.*

Off the main lines, Radio London has gone to some trouble to explore: its *Young in Mind* series, and, by way of contrast, *The House on the Borderland*—these two are particularly vivid, with the second ranking as one of the most gripping readings in its genre (the horror story) I have ever heard. In the way of contributions to the range and technique of broadcasting, I doubt if the Commercials have added anything at all; sometimes, in common with Radio London, they bring a new tone of voice very distinct from anything that emerges from Broadcasting House and which at its best (for example, George Gale) gives a kind of off-the-cuff trenchancy, rather stimulating in its way. At its worst, of course, it merely signals blather, vacancy and/or a distaste for such elementary broadcasting requirements as doing your homework.

So it has been a good year—by and large: much too large for any single pair of ears to notice and I am aware of fearful gaps in my coverage of it. [illegible] for mention, although I know it to be one of the ornaments of British broadcasting; at the same time it is also one of the few products which does not seem to be in need of any commendation: "I don't really ever listen to radio, I'm afraid—except of course *The Music Programme*" has been said to me until I see it floating in small bubbles over people's heads.

From other points of view, it has also been a ghastly year naturally: I have heard things to make you climb under the fridge and Radio 2's *Husband of the Year* was not the least repulsive of them. However, I *am inclined to think—particularly* in the present somewhat dicey situation that it is more important to speak well of the dying and to remember that in the twelvemonth past the good, the thoughtful, the competent, the careful, the helpful, the informative, the pleasantly diverting and, at the worst, the harmless have outweighed immeasurably the bad and the ugly.

Needless to say there are omissions from the catalogue of adjectives *above* ("brilliant" for instance) and they are intentional, for good and bad apart, 1974 has been in other respects very similar to its predecessors. Like a familiar and predictable acquaintance radio has continued to exhibit most of its old blind-spots: science may have revived, but religious broadcasting continues negligible—not because its programmes are dull necessarily, more because the radio concept of religion could so easily be fitted on to the head of a pin. If I seem to be harping on an old and tedious theme, then let me expand it by saying that the condition of religious broadcasting is symptomatic of a larger disease. For example *New Maps of the Mind* was, as far as I am aware, the only recent programme to look at some of the frontier work being done in psychology, and in general it is as if radio, while taking the keenest pos*sible interest in the day-to-day* activities of men and nations from a social and political point of view, were almost devoid of interest in, concern for, the roots of that activity. Why do people behave as they do and what does it signify? It seems to me that one of broadcasting's jobs is to find out what new maps of every kind there are and tell us about them, whether some carefully polled majority of us think we want to hear or not. Anyway how would we know?

As things are it is only in the rarest programmes and in the slightly less rare, somewhat esoteric plays (like *Wandering in Eden*) that radio's discussion of ourselves ever gets much beyond the kindergarten. If I have a wish for 1975, it is that it should graduate to infant school.

David Wade

Sunday

That top-flight take-off show, Who Do You Do? stages its own Christmas production (ITV 7.25). Later all-black ballet should attract you (ITV 10.30). An annual favourite arrives with the Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (BBC2 5.10). On the same channel whales (BBC2 7.25) and Florence (BBC2 10.35) make entrancing repeats.—L.B.

BBC 1

9.00 am, Someone from the Welfare. . . . 10.00, Seeing and Believing. 10.30, The Wildlife of New York City. 11.20, Made in Britain 74. 12.05 pm, Winners at the Wheel. 12.55, News Headlines. *1.00,* Ragtime. 1.15, Film, Northwest Frontier (1959) with Kenneth More, Lauren Bacall, Herbert Lom. 3.20, A Secret Place: story of a wartime child*hood. 4.20, Omnibus: a Circus for* a School, with Oleg Popov. 5.10, David Copperfield.
6.05 News.
6.15 Children of the Way: Pakistani Muslims or Englishmen born and bred?
6.55 Songs of Praise from the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge.
7.25 Sing a Song of Secombe.
8.15 Play, Robinson Crusoe, with Stanley Baker.
9.55 News.
10.05 Film, Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (1941) with Spencer Tracey, Ingrid Bergman, Lana Turner, Donald Crisp, Ian Hunter.*
12.00 Weather.
*Black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1):
BBC WALES.—3.20—4.20 pm, Rugby: Cardiff v Ebbw Vale. 12.02, News of Wales. **SCOTLAND.**—6.15-6.50 pm, Search for God. 6.00-7.25, Songs of Praise. 12.02 am, Scottish News headlines. **NORTHERN IRELAND.**—12.2 am, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

HTV

9.30 am, Open Day. 10.00, London. 11.00, The Splendour Falls. 11.30, The Addams Family.* 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Farming. 1.35, Merrie Melodies. 2.00, Soccer Special. 3.00, University Challenge. 3.30, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 4.00, London. 9.45, Billy Liar. 10.15, London. 12.05 am, Weather. **HTV CYMRU/WALES.** As HTV except: 6.35-6.55 pm, Llusern Ar Bererindod.

Westward

9.30 am, All in a Day's Work. 10.00, London. 11.25, Gus Honeybun. 11.35, Wait Till Your Father Gets *Home. 12.00,* London. 1.10 pm, Farm and Country News. 1.30, Acres for Profit. 2.00, London. 3.00, Film, Disorderley Orderly, with Jerry Lewis, Kathleen Freeman, Glenda Farrell. 4.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 11.35, Faith for Life.

Anglia

9.05 am, Yoga for Health. 9.30, Survival. 10.00, London. 11.30, Skippy. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, The Adventurer. 1.35, Weather. 1.40, Farming. 2.10 Match of the Week. 3.00, Tarzan. The Fanatics. 4.00, London. 11.35, Paxton at the Colston. 12.05 am, Carols.

Yorkshire

10.00 am, London. 11.30, Choirs of the World, Solvgutterne (Norway). 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Farming. 1.40, Football Special. 2.35, Film: The Crooked Hearts, with Rosalind Russell, Douglas Fairbanks Jnr, Maureen O'Sullivan. 4.00, London. 11.35-12.05 Night Gallery.

Border

9.30 am, London. 11.30, Gardening. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Border Diary. 1.15, Rinudo. 2.10, Football. 3.05-12.00, London.

BBC 2

5.10 The Engineer through the Looking Glass, Royal Institution Lectures to Young People by Professor Eric Laithwaite.
6.10 News Review of the Year.
6.30 More Ways Than One: The Mystic Spiral—Science and Religion.
7.25 The World About Us: Valdes—Bay of the Whales.
8.15 Film, Shadow of the Thin Man (1941) with William Powell, Myrna Loy.*
9.50 Lost: Lancashire Police reconstruct a search for a girl.
10.05 A Day with Dana.
10.35 Florence: The Fifth Element—the Florentines.
11.25 News.
11.30-11.35, Gabriel Woolf reads In Santa Maria del Popolo, by Thom Gunn.

Southern

10.00 am, London. 11.30, Weather. 11.33, Farm Progress. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, The Saint. 2.00, London. 3.00, Boney. 3.55, Southern News. 4.00, London. 11.35, *Labi Siffre.* 12.05 am, Weather. Guideline.

Granada

9.35 am, Wild Refuge. 10.00, London. 11.00, Alphabet Soup. 11.30, Open Day. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Incredible Dolphins. 2.10, Football. 3.05, The Baron. 4.00, London. 11.35-12.25 am, Hawaii Five-O.

Scottish

11.30 am, Table Tennis. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, The Amazing Chan. 1.40, Scotsport. 3.10, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 4.00, London. 6.55, Appeal, Multiple Sclerosis Society (Scotland). 7.00, London. 11.35, Late Call. 11.40-12.10 am, Labi Siffre.

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Radio

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6.55 am, New Day. 7.00, News. 7.03, Dudley Savage.† 8.03, Gospel Road. 8.32, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Paul Burnett. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile. 3.00, Dave Lee Travis Request Show. 5.00, The Best of My Top 12: Mick Jagger, Oliver Reed, Spike Milligan, Bill Haley. 6.00, Tom Browne. 7.00, Thin Lizzy. 7.30, Max Jaffa. 8.30, Sunday Half-hour. 9.02, Best Tunes. 10.02, Sounds of Jazz.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Alan Dell. 2.02, News.
†Stereo.

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6.55 am, Radio 1. 10.03, David Jacobs.† 11.30, People's Service. 12.02 pm, Family Favourites. 2.02, Mike Yarwood. 2.30, Satchmo. 3.30, Teddy Johnson. 4.02, Charlie Chester.† 6.00, Radio 1. 7.02, The Gag-Crackers' Ball. 7.30, Radio 1. 10.02, Brass and Strings. 11.02, Alan Dell. 12.00-2.02 am, *Radio 1.*

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8.00 am, News. 8.05, Mozart and Handel. 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: J. C. Bach, J. S. Bach, Paganini, Bartok, Alain, Villa-Lobos, Wagner.† 10.30, Music Weekly. 11.15, Vienna Festival 1974: part 1, Beethoven.† 12.05 pm, Words [illegible] Chain Raphael. 12.10, Concert: part 2, Brahms.†
1.05, Edinburgh String Quartet: Haydn, Elgar.† 1.50, Reading. 1.55, Quartets: part 2, Dvorak. 2.25, Armide, by Gluck.† 3.45, The Southern Approach: talk. 4.05, Armide: Act 5 [illegible] and 5.† 5.45, Talking about Music. 6.15, Alfred Brendel: Schubert. 7.00, Tenor Extraordinary: Hughes Cuénod in conversation.†
7.45, Play, The Bell Jar, Sylvia Plath's autobiographical novel with Angela Pleasance.† 9.00, The Long-Haired Era: part 1, Prehistory. 10.00, Fauré. 10.40, The Leap of Reason: an argument for theism by Don Cupitt. 11.25 Music from Anna Magdalena Bach Book. 11.35, News. 11.40-12.35 am Sounds Interesting.

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7.15 am, Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45, Bells. 7.50, Reading. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.10, Sunday Papers. 8.20, Sunday. 8.50, Programme News. 8.55, Weather. 9.00, News. 9.10, Sunday Papers. 9.15, Letter from America. 9.30, The Archers. 10.30, Service from [illegible] Presbyterian Church, Belfast. 11.10, Appeal, RoSPA. 11.15, Motoring and the Motorist. 11.45, From the Grass Roots: 061 236 [illegible] 12.15 pm, You and Yours. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, The World This Weekend. 2.00, Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30, Play: Present Laughter. 4.00, News. 4.02, Talking about Antiques. 4.30, The Living World. 5.00, In Touch. 5.15, Down Your Way. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, [illegible] 7.00, News. 7.02, [illegible] Hour: Emigration Might Help. 7.30, Sunday Best. 8.00, [illegible] 9.00, News. 9.02, The End of the [illegible] Part 1. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, [illegible] Grandes [illegible] years ago. 11.00, [illegible] 11.35, News. 11.45-11.48, Inshore Waters Forecast.
BBC Radio London, local and national news, entertainment, sports, music [illegible]
London Broadcasting, 24-hour news and information station [illegible]
Capital Radio, 24-hour music, news and features station, 95.8 VHF [illegible]

London Weekend

9.35 am, Tomfoolery. 10.00, Service from St. John's United Reformed Church, Kensington. 11.00, Open Day. 11.30, The Osmonds. 12.00, Elton John and Bernie Taupin. 1.10 pm, Cartoon. 1.25, Joe 90: Viva Cordova. 2.00, The Big Match. 3.00, The Persuaders. 4.00, The Golden Shot. 5.00, Aquarius: Bernstein at Tanglewood—*the Tchaikovsky Fifth.*
6.05 News.
6.15 The Archbishop at Home.
6.35 *Open Pulpit.*
6.55 Appeal, Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.
7.00 Stars on Sunday.
7.25 Christmas Who Do You Do?
7.55 Film: The Most Dangerous Man in the World (1969), *with Gregory Peck,* Anne Heywood.
9.45 No—*Honestly.*
10.15 News.
10.30 Dance Theatre of Harlem.
11.05 *Cinema.*
11.35 Police Surgeon.
12.00 What Was He Like?

ATV

9.00 am, Farming. 9.30, Clitheroe: Rights. 10.00, London. 11.30, Clitheroe World. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Boney. 2.10, Star Soccer. 3.10, Cartoon. 3.15, Film, Playmates. 4.25, The Golden Shot. 5.35, [illegible] Where You Find It, with Eddie Byrne, Dermot Kelly, Sam Kydd. 6.05-11.35, London.

Ulster

11.00 am, Open Day. 11.30, [illegible] the World. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Theatre of Stars. 2.00, London. 3.00, Up with People. 4.00-11.35, *London.*

Tyne Tees

9.35 am, Yoga for Health. 10.00, London. 11.30, Silver Boys Choir of Norway. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, The Dales of Yorkshire. 1.40, Ski-ing with Gina. 2.10, Football. 3.10, Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 4.00, London. 11.35, Epilogue.

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"You describe it perfectly", said Mr Peach.

"Yes", said Pussy Owl modestly. "I have literary as well as musical talent. However, all this singing and flying—to say nothing of having to correct your mistakes—has made me hungry. I think I'll go and have my lunch now."

"I think that would be an excellent idea", Mr Peach replied in a wearied voice.

"Mr Pumpelwitz; Mrs Frax", Pussy Owl called. "Have you got some lunch for me?"

"Yes, Pussy Owl", *said* Mrs Frax, standing up and raising her shopping bag so that Pussy Owl could see it. "In here."

"*Right*", said Pussy Owl. "Well now, Melba. I'm too hungry to sing any more at present. I'm never in my best voice on an empty stomach. I'll sing for you again tomorrow."

"No need", Mr Melba said. "I've heard what I wanted to hear. I know now that you're audible if you sing while you fly around."

"I", Mr Peach said, "have heard rather more than I wanted to hear".

"I needn't come back, then", Pussy Owl *said*, "till the beginning of term. That's just as well. I'm extremely busy at present."

"We haven't decided yet", Mr Peach said in a warning tone, "whether to admit you to the school".

"I haven't decided yet whether I want to come. I shan't make up my mind until I know which opera you're putting on this term. It might not be one I'd want to be in."

"Which opera we do is still under discussion", said Mr Peach. "It depends on the voices we have available among the students."

"I could sing any of the roles", said Pussy Owl, "from bass to soprano. In fact, I could sing all the roles."

"Not when two or more people sing at the *same time*", Mr Peach *said*. "Even you, with your unique gifts, could scarcely perform a duet or a trio."

"I *suppose* not", Pussy Owl said, though he didn't sound convinced. "I can certainly sing *loudly* enough for two or three. Still, it might be better if I take only one role, because then, when I'm not actually singing, I can conduct."

"*I* conduct our end-of-term performances", said Mr Peach in a rather *rolling, thunderous* voice.

"Anyway", said Mr Tripple, looking up for a moment, "Pussy Owl will be busy in the orchestra—playing the triangle."

"Can you think of an opera with a good part for the triangle?" Pussy Owl asked in a chatty way.

"Turandot", suggested Mr Tripple. "It makes great use of all the percussion instruments, to create a Chinese effect."

"Then we'd better do Turandot", Pussy Owl said decisively.

"Pussy Owl", Mr Peach said in a stern tone, "it is for Mr Melba and me to decide which opera we do. Though as a matter of fact Mr Melba did mention that he was considering doing something, not necessarily Turandot, by Puccini."

"Lots of people", Pussy Owl remarked in a careless but perfectly audible murmur, "make the mistake of pronouncing that name like that."

"It is NOT a mistake. In Italian, a *c* that is followed by an *e* or an *i* is pronounced ch." Mr Peach glared at Pussy Owl for a moment and then, leaning forward in his seat so as to confront Pussy Owl's face on its own level, said deliberately "Ch ch ch", as though imitating a steam train.

"By the way", he added, "all students at the Peach-Melba School of Opera have to learn Italian and German."

"Gronk", said Pussy Owl.

"That word is neither Italian nor German."

"No, of course not", said Pussy Owl. "It's Pussy-Owl. I speak Pussy-Owl, English, French, Italian *and* German. Of course I know how to pronounce a *c* in Italian when it's followed by an *e* or *i*. The mistake I referred to, which is a very common one, is to suppose that that composer's name is spelt with a *c* at all. It happens that he's another of my ancestors: in the Italian branch of the family. So I happen to know through family tradition that the original and authentic form of the name is Pussini."

"Nonsense", exclaimed Mr Tripple.

"Thlunk", said Pussy Owl.

"Well it needn't be argued out at this moment", Mr Peach said wearily. "Quite probably we shan't be doing an opera by Pu— by your Italian ancestor, at all. Mr Melba and I have also been considering the possibility of doing some Wagner. Of course, we'd do only one act. A whole work would be a bit too long and a bit too taxing for a student performance. I think Mr Melba was wondering whether we might do some of *Parsifal*."

"I was", Mr Melba said slowly. "But now I think —".

"Now I think", said Pussy Owl, interrupting, "that I really must have my lunch."

He set off, walking with stumpy, clumping steps, up the centre aisle.

"Come on, Mrs Frax; come on Pumpelwitz", he said as he passed the row where they were sitting, and they fell in behind him. "I hope it's a decent lunch you've got me."

He reached the back of the auditorium.

Mr Pumpelwitz opened the door.

Pussy Owl turned round for a moment.

"All right, Peach. All right, Melba", he called down the auditorium. "Let me know what opera you decide on, so that I can start learning my role. Parsifal would be quite a good role for me."

"We're relieved to have your approval", Mr Peach said.

"By the way, Peach", Pussy Owl called. "How's your German?"

"One doesn't like to boast", Mr Peach replied, "or at least some people don't like to boast, but, since you ask me, my German is pretty sound."

"Good", said Pussy Owl. "Then I suppose you realize that 'Parsifal' is the German for 'Pussy Fowl'."

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Next Saturday, the QE2 sets out from Southampton on a 92-day cruise around the world. What a way to start the year! And you may do so, if you have the funds, for the man from Cunard tells me that berths are still available. You will have to pay upwards of £2,300 for the trip and you should hurry, for the 1,400 places on board are almost all taken.

At a time when most of us are weighing up the 1975 prospects and wondering: "Where do we go from here?" it is nice to know that some people have the answer. Bali, and Hongkong, Cape Town and Acapulco, Curacao, Rio de Janiero and Honolulu are just a few of the ports along the way. Shore excursions are, of course, extra and range from £2.70 for a half-day bus trip round New York to £685 for an eight-day safari in Africa. Incidentally, the QE2's pair of penthouses cost £42,000 each on this voyage. Both will be occupied.

Looking beyond that particular plum of a trip and surveying the rest of the fruit on the travel trade's stall, there is plenty to make the mouth water, although a certain amount of blight has been attacking the crop, as we are likely to discover next spring.

As far as 1975 prospects are concerned, I intend to write more fully of certain holiday ideas during the early weeks of the new year. Broadly speaking, though, the choice at home or abroad has never been wider. The luxury villas and five star hotels are awaiting us, as ever, but this may prove to be the year we have to pass them by and trim our ambitions to suit "reduced circumstances".

For this reason—petrol prices and rationing notwithstanding—I believe that many people will take their own cars abroad and seek accommodation in *pensions, estalagems* and similar low cost establishments throughout the mainland continent. The touring motorist can escape the popular, and higher priced, routes and regions, and take advantage of hotel booking schemes operated through local tourist offices.

A considerable number (if booking reports are anything to go by) are already planning camping holidays and I have been specifically investigating the merits of a company called Canvas Holidays, which takes all the donkey work out of camping by supplying ready erected, fully equipped frame tents on selected sites. More about that in January.

If holiday sacrifices have to be made, parents are loath to deprive children of a summer break. Consequently I believe that holidays for unaccompanied children, both in Britain and abroad, will do well in 1975, and if you intend to send your children to the equivalent of "summer camp", as I am, an early approach is advised. One particular company PGL, which operates from Ross-on-Wye, is already receiving firm bookings for next summer, although its brochure will not be published until early next month. Again, I shall be dealing with that type of holiday in more detail later on, although "adventure" holidays have featured on this page in the past.

Clearly, the entire self-catering movement will receive a boost next year, whether one hires a boat on an English canal, a cottage in Devon, or a villa in Spain or Portugal. (Incidentally, one of the major boat hiring companies in the Norfolk Broads, is reported to be already completely booked up for 1975—or as near as makes little difference. "They'll be at the Boat Show, as usual, but it's hardly worth their while". I was told last week.)

Bigger boats—cruise liners—pose a problem for anyone studying 1975 form. On the one hand they have the advantages of a loyal clientele, to whom they offer the financial inducements of daily life at "duty free" rates on board. On the other, there is the mammoth cost of fuel which must play havoc with fare projections and all other calculations. Yet I was impressed by the optimism of Mr Bob Duffett, the European sales director of Norwegian Caribbean Lines, when he launched his company's 1975 programme, which is more than ever aimed at the British market.

Optimism, too, from Chadris, with an expanded series of Caribbean cruises between now and mid-April and over 140 cruises from European ports between March and October. Most of these are the "fly and cruise" formula, operating from Amsterdam, Cannes, Venice and Piraeus.

There are some fairly mouth-watering offers in the P & O programme, too, with Arcadia, Canberra and Oriana operating 28 cruises out of Southampton between April and December. "Traditional" trips these, which appeal, I know, to those who have spent years taking this type of holiday. Incidentally, Canberra sails on a 100-day round the world voyage on January 8, and although 1,100 passengers are already booked for the round trip, I am told some two-bedded cabins are still available—at prices which range from £2,834 to £6,589 per person. A trifle more expensive than the QE2 cruise I mentioned earlier, but you do get a few more days for the money!

As for the "traditional" package holiday abroad, I fear the Court Line lesson has not been learned by the tour company manufacturers of this product. Certainly they seem to have finally seen the light as far as prices and profitability go, but once again there will be far too many "packages" on the market.

It has been estimated, with authority, that for every two holidays sold, one will remain unsold. If this comes to pass, we shall pay—literally, because the holidays we buy "subsidize" the ones we don't, and figuratively when tour companies indulge in their springtime antics of "consolidation".

On a brighter note, the Association of British Travel Agents has finally done something about the brochure booking conditions—with encouragement, and possibly more, from Mr John Methven, Director General of Fair Trading. They look like being phased out as new brochures are printed—for all practical purposes, the winter holiday season should see them off.

Mr Peter Shore has promised that legislation will be introduced early in 1975 to protect holidaymakers and to compensate the "victims" of the Court Line collapse. (In passing, a number of that company's employees suffered far more than the loss of a holiday, or holiday money, but nobody has suggested compensating them.)

Mr Reg Law, of the Court Line Action Group, reckons that over 100,000 people are involved. His group has been pressing for 100 per cent compensation and legislation to protect future holidaymakers—both of which should be achieved in the new year. The group's third request, for an inquiry into the Court Line collapse, seems unlikely to be granted.

To return to my main theme of holidaymaking, various authorities in Britain are predicting a bumper year, although rising costs are, if anything, hitting harder here than abroad. The *English Holidays '75* publication, which I mentioned on this page last month, should do much to encourage bookings and, again, my advice would be to make your decision as soon as possible.

Bookings should certainly encourage those thousands of small hotels and guest houses which are operating on a knife edge at present. Many did not have a good season last summer, despite the general trend towards holidays in Britain, and all are facing high bills as a result of recent fire regulations.

To dispose of the gloom in one go, it is certain that several hundred travel agents will go out of business by the end of the financial year. The squeeze for prompt payment has been put on them by tour companies, airlines and so on and they are caught in the classic "cash flow" problem. Estimates vary, but 700 agencies throughout the country is the likeliest total.)

Writing to me (again, rather gloomily) from Edgbaston, a Mr Rogers suggested recently that holidays abroad were "unpatriotic" and that writers on the subject should encourage people to take their holidays in Britain in 1975.

I appreciate Mr Rogers' concern, while rejecting his argument. People should feel free to do as they wish with their disposable income—buy cars or clothes, give it to bookmakers or endow cats' homes. Equally they should choose what holiday suits them and travel journalists should choose subjects that reflect all tastes—the merit of the subject, not its geographical location being the only criterion.

Heaven forbid that it should be "patriotic" to boost Blackpool at the expense of Benidorm, or promote Cornwall in lieu of Brittany. For holidays, travel, tourism—call it what you will—is an international, two-way traffic. If we stop going abroad, those "foreigners" could just as easily stop coming to Britain, and that would be disastrous, notwithstanding the opinions of Sir George Young and other critics of Britain's tourist effort.

In sum, then, the prospects for our holidays in 1975 are patchy, but generally optimistic, with most of us having to lower our sights, maybe. And likely to be pleasantly surprised at the result.

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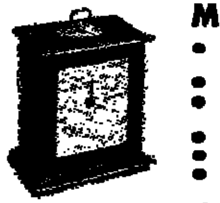

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To keep or not to keep, that is the question

Once, in July, a well-known writer asked what should be done with the opened but unfinished bottles of wines left over from Christmas and was quite annoyed when I replied that most were probably no longer even of use in the kitchen. The action of air inevitably makes drinks deteriorate, some more rapidly than is generally supposed.

Most table wines will certainly remain in an enjoyable condition for 24 hours, if corked and kept in a cool place. The extremely old and the very delicate are the exceptions, but these will probably be drunk only on special occasions and finished at once.

If more than half the wine in the bottle is consumed, it is a good idea to decant the rest into a half bottle or small decanter—there are many of the imperial pint or half litre size, as often these were used for cordials. This reduces the amount of air to which the wine is exposed.

The very sweet table wines, such as Sauternes, will keep for several days, if in a cool place or the least cold part of the refrigerator, but the very fine sweet German wines, which tend to be lighter in alcohol, may not last as long, although it is perfectly practicable to finish at lunch the remains of a bottle of this sort of wine served the previous night at dinner.

Sparkling wines also keep for 24-36 hours in a cool place if properly stoppered. If you do not possess one of the special stoppers that retains the fizz in the wine, a wedged-shaped segment should be cut out of the mushroom cork, which can then be forced back and should be tied down with string. Plastic stoppers are used nowadays for many sparkling wines and these can simply be pushed back into the bottle, the ridges on them gripping the inside of the neck.

Vintage port should certainly be finished within 24 hours, and the very old wines may have to be drunk up soon after being opened. Fine old tawny and the other ports, however, remain perfectly enjoyable for several days after opening, if they are kept cool, with stoppers or corks in. Again, the amount of air in the bottle or decanter will affect the wine, so it may be worth decanting it into a smaller container. The same general rules apply to Madeira and Marsala.

Sherry is also subject to deterioration when exposed to the air, contrary to what many people think. The delicate and truly dry finos start to decline within hours of the bottle being opened, although the bulk of "dry" sherry sold in the United Kingdom is actually slightly sweetened and therefore resists a little longer. Julian Jeffs, in his authoritative *Sherry* (Faber), is firm that "a natural fino should be drunk within three days of opening the bottle"; I would give most nominally dry sherries only five days' exposure to the air—after that they should go to the kitchen. Such over-exposed wines will not harm the drinker, but smell hardly at all and tend to taste bitter. Amontillados and most medium sherries (and wines made in the same way as sherry) will usually remain in enjoyable drinking condition for up to a week.

If you decant sherry (or port), remember that decanter stoppers are generally of a looser fit than corks, so air gets into the decanter in addition to what may already be there. As finos should anyway be served cool or lightly chilled, except in the coldest weather, it is worth knowing that they can actually be kept in the least cool part of the refrigerator. The sherry trade agrees that it is better to keep the bottle or decanter in the refrigerator for several days, so that the wine is always cold, rather than put it in only before it is to be served.

What applies to sherry also goes for vermouth. The dry vermouths deteriorate after ten days to a fortnight in my opinion, and should certainly be kept in a cold place or the refrigerator; the sweeter types and biancos will last a fortnight to three weeks. Wine-based apéritifs need the same care; the sweeter they are, the longer they will last. All these drinks decline in quality if they are kept standing on a bar shelf under a light, in a warm room, and once the bottles are opened, their contents will become drearily unenjoyable in half the time indicated for their life in a cool dark place, cellar, bottom of larder or refrigerator.

Ordinary table wines and sparkling wines must not be kept long-term in the refrigerator, even if unopened, as they then develop an odd, flat unpleasant taste and lose much of their smell. Opinions vary, but I would not keep this kind of wine, unopened, in the refrigerator for more than 24 hours and ideally never for longer than ten. And although, in an emergency, a bottle of not too fine white wine can be subjected to 15 minutes in the freezer, don't forget that it is there, or you will have an iced lolly of something that will never taste quite right again; 11-12 minutes in a bucket of ice and water will achieve the chilling even more effectively.

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Quakes can be our worry, too

At 9.18 on the morning of April 2, 1884, Dr Alexander Wallace and his family were in their garden looking across at the roofs and spires of the town near by. Suddenly, with a roll of sound like "passing waggons", the buildings began to sway and chimneys crashed to the ground in clouds of dust. Dr Wallace saw his house rise and fall and heard ornaments hitting the floor. He felt sick and shaken, but the fence he grasped for support was rocking too. Less than six seconds later it was all over.

What Dr Wallace and his family had experienced was an earthquake. But they were not visiting Japan, California, the Mediterranean or any other of the world's known belts of destructive earthquakes. This was Colchester, Essex, where such things were unheard of.

In the town itself more than 400 buildings were damaged. But the brunt of the damage was taken by villages closer to the shock centre to the east and south-east of Colchester. At Peldon, for example, no house or cottage escaped and 70 per cent of chimney stacks were thrown down. Nobody was killed, but within an area of about 150 square miles more than 1,200 buildings required repair.

The Colchester earthquake of 1884 was the most destructive ever known in Britain and was felt as far away as Exeter in the west and beyond York in the north. But it was not the first British earthquake; nor, contrary to popular belief, are such events uncommon.

The late Dr Charles Davison, who spent much of his life studying historical records of British earthquakes and trying to distinguish fact from fancy, concluded that the first clearly documented shock occurred just 1,000 years ago in AD974 when, according to Symeon of Durham, "a great earthquake took place over all England".

Since the earthquakes have been known to take place at an average rate of more than 120 a century, although this is certainly a gross underestimate. In the earlier periods a relatively small and poorly educated population meant that only the larger shocks in the more densely populated areas were observed and reported. The result is that only 98 earthquakes were recorded up to the middle of the eighteenth century, and most of these were described only very briefly by chroniclers.

Thus, for example, did Stow report that in 1133 "an earthquake was felt, so that it was thought that the earth woulde have sunke under the feete of men, with such a terrible sound, as was horrible to heare". Likewise Holinshed who says that "on the mondaie in the weeke before Easter [1185], kind, such a one as the like had not beene heard of in England sithens the beginning of the world. For stones that laie couched fast in the earth, were removed out of their places, stone houses were overthrown, and the great church of Lincolne was rent from the top downwards."

But from the eighteenth century onwards such brief, general descriptions from historians began to give way to longer, more detailed reports from scientists, largely as a result of the spectacular events of 1750. In that year, the "year of earthquakes" as Dr William Stukeley was to call it, four large shocks occurred in centres of population—two in London, one in Chichester and one in Northampton. The London earthquakes in particular generated such alarm that members of the Royal Society were compelled to take a serious scientific interest in the phenomenon, since when the recording and reporting of earthquakes has gradually improved.

By world standards, of course, British earthquakes are small; the energy released in Colchester in 1884 was several hundred times less than that released in San Francisco in 1906. Californians, Japanese and Sicilians could be forgiven for regarding the British effort as derisory.

For some curious reason known only to nature the larger British earthquake and the larger British town seem not to have collided during the past few decades to the extent that they did during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Certainly there is no modern counterpart of the unfortunate Hereford which was hit by 20 earthquakes between 1853 and 1924, including two (in 1863 and 1896) almost as powerful as the Colchester shock. The history of Colchester is sufficient to prove, however, that British earthquakes can be more than mere harmless curiosities.

Peter J. Smith

Parole is still the best hope of preventing a young prisoner's return to crime

One effect of the Younger Report on young adult offenders has been to bring to a head an issue which in the past has usually divided judges from penologists. But, interestingly, it has done so at a time when a few of both are crossing the floor to join the other side.

For the Younger committee has alarmed not only some judges but also two Oxford penologists, Dr Hood and Dr Hawkins, by recommending the extension of the concept of parole, with increased flexibility, to all custodial sentences for young adults.

What they are objecting to, however, is not really the application of the idea of parole to this age group, but the whole idea of parole of which the essence is the executive's power to release a prisoner before the end of a period specified by the judiciary.

Dr Hood has assembled six arguments:

If the justification for executive release is that the offender has reached a stage of "treatment" at which he is less likely to reoffend than when he went in, there is no evidence that custodial treatment, even in the most progressive institutions, has this effect, or that if it has custodial staff can tell when it has.

This is a good example of the way in which an argument which is sound so far as it goes can blind those who accept it to other considerations. For it implies that "treatment" is the only thing that can happen inside to reduce recidivism.

In the first place, as anyone who has spent any time with prisoners knows, the great majority of prisoners dislike being inside, but this effect seems to wear off. One can grant the ineffectiveness of treatment and yet argue that the prisoner should be released before he has learned to "do his bird the easy way".

Secondly, it is sometimes not until an offender is in custody that the situation which is contributing to his behaviour begins to be understood. One does not have to believe in "treatment" to hope that by alleviating simple problems one will reduce the likelihood of further offences.

The second argument is: Executive release amounts to "re-sentencing", because it takes into account information which the court had in mind when sentencing. The length of the sentence already reflects mitigating or aggravating considerations; courts are better informed about the circumstances of the offence than institutional staff, who may indeed treat it as irrelevant.

This is a subtle distortion of the main argument *for* executive discretion; namely, that instead of treating a custodial sentence as irrevocable it allows it to be modified in the light of later or better information. The first *suggestio falsi* is that the parole board's information coincides with the court's, where as it extends well beyond it. But even if it did not, the board uses it in a different way: for example, to assess not culpability but the likelihood of further law-breaking. To call this "re-sentencing" is therefore, doubly misleading.

But even if parole were re-sentencing, what is so wrong with that? The system actually provides for it by allowing offenders to appeal against sentence: and other systems—such as the French—allow even later reviews of sentences.

I see nothing wrong—and indeed something desirable—in the idea of a review of a sentence, especially of a long prison sentence.

The third argument: The indeterminate sentence puts the prisoner so much in the hands of "treaters" that it may not only distort his response but also make him afraid to protest against undesirable features of the institution.

But this is one of the reasons why the decision to grant parole is deliberately taken out of the hands of institutional staff by an elaborate machinery. Inevitably local review committees are to some extent influenced by the reports of staff, as are the parole board. Yet if one recognizes this danger, one must also see that it cannot be abolished by abolishing parole, for it is also inherent in remission, which Dr Hood does not attack, and in other features of the prison system.

Indeed, even a prisoner who can expect no remission can be subjected to other pressures. Finally, there are worse pressures than those of staff to which a prisoner can succumb: one is conformity with what is called "the inmate subculture".

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The fourth argument: The length of sentence should reflect the relative harmfulness of offences, and therefore should be fixed by judges, not the executive.

Even if we grant the premise for the sake of argument, why must it be a judge who assesses the relative harm? Dr Hood simply appeals to the doctrine that an important function of the sentence is to declare and uphold society's condemnation of the offence: if so, the public trial is certainly the place for this.

The weaknesses in the declaratory argument, however, are notorious. First, there is no evidence that sentences function in this way. Second, it talks of "society" as if it were monolithic, with only one set of values: but a sentence which declares the condemnation of Belgravia might well outrage the sentiments of Bermondsey.

Anyway, it is essential to this function that the time actually served be closely related to the time pronounced. Or is it sufficient that the judge has said "six years", and so set the time for which the offender *may* be detained.

To do Dr Hood justice, he is also urging shorter sentences, but sentences which mean what they say. Certainly the shorter the sentence the more the alleged declaratory effect would be weakened by early release. But if so, would not the virtual certainty of remission be more damaging than the mere possibility of parole?

The fifth argument: Judicial decisions made with reasons are open to review and debate, whereas decisions based upon clinical diagnosis and [which] have the status of "professional expertise" are difficult to attack and hard to appeal against.

It is unfair to imply that the alternative to judicial decision is mere clinical diagnosis, when the decisions to release depend on many considerations, few if any of which are "clinical". Again, it is implied that executive decisions are not reasoned, whereas the worst that can be said is that the reasons are not publicly given. Thirdly, we must not idealize judicial reasoning. It is almost always soundly based on its premises, but it is limited by these premises. Once the judge has decided that imprisonment is called for, in most cases he is then bound to ask himself: "What is the normal sentence—or the normal range—for this type of offence?" Having done so, he may then reason that he should go above or below this, according to any aggravating or mitigating circumstances. But he is normally bound by the tariff: and, indeed, it is difficult to imagine a judicial system in which there would not have to be some sort of tariff, whether for reasons of retributive justice, denunciation, deterrence or mere equity.

The sixth argument: The prisoner's confidence in the just operation of the system is important.

Again, it is the implication rather than the direct statement which needs scrutiny. It is implied that the prisoner has a confidence in the justice of a judicial sentence which he does not have in an executive decision. To counter one sweeping generalization with another, it would be truer to say that the prisoner has confidence in neither. He knows that the length of a judicial sentence varies from one court to another, since the normal range of sentences allows considerable freedom. Dr Hood himself points out—with statistics—how widely the length of sentence for robbery varies from one part of the country to another: yet he uses this fact only to support the proposal to leave it to courts to shorten sentences!

Finally, an argument which Dr Hood does not use, but which others have, is:

That executive discretion allows administrators to reduce the time served inside in response to pressures, such as overcrowding, to which they should not respond.

Dr Hood himself expressly accepts the need for a power to release a minority of dangerous offenders before the end of a long sentence. In other words, the executive can be trusted to decide that a man is no longer dangerous, but not that he has been successfully treated. This position is tenable only if it is conceded that the executive can make rational decisions which are not based on the notion of "treatment"; and when this is conceded, the first argument collapses.

There is undoubtedly, however, a fear that executive discretion will result in premature release of dangerous offenders whether because of optimism or misguided humanity. Now there may be prison systems in which this is a real possibility. But the safeguards built into the English system seem to be a fairly good protection against it.

Assume a most unlikely situation in which a Home Secretary would like to release a dangerous prisoner prematurely. He cannot do so simply on the advice of prison staff and civil servants: the parole board must recommend the release.

There are undeniable defects in the present parole system: but they call for amendment rather than abolition. The arguments discussed do not outweigh its essential advantages, namely the possibility of reconsidering the length of sentence (i) at a later date (ii) in the light of later and better information than the sentencer could have (iii) by a body which includes judges but not only judges.

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How the Order of the Bath climbed the chivalry charts

Prince Charles was in the news recently for attending a convivial party, with cider, at the Devon town of Okehampton, with his fellow helicopter fliers from the Fleet Air Arm based at Yeovilton. On the same day a more prosaic but equally fitting announcement was made that the Queen had appointed her son to be Great Master of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, in succession to his great-uncle, the late Henry, Duke of Gloucester.

From the trivial to the tremendous is not such a great step. The Prince of Wales had just passed his test as a naval flying man, and the banners of the Knights Grand Cross of the Order, which hang in the Chapel of Henry VII at Westminster, are most of them military men—men like Mountbatten of Burma, Montgomery, and "Bomber" Harris. He is a fitting successor to the soldier-Duke.

In comparison with the delicate tracery of the chapel roof, built by the brothers Vertue, who include St George's Chapel, Windsor, home of the Garter Knights, and King's College Chapel, Cambridge, among their fan-tracery achievements (the first was at the Divinity School at Oxford) the banners of the Knights of the Bath seem almost gaudy in their brightness. The only embroidered banner, at the west end of the Chapel, is that of the Sovereign. The pole opposite, which bore the personal standard of Henry, Duke of Gloucester, is empty. The title is not hereditary. Soon the Prince of Wales' standard will be there.

Westminster Abbey is visited by some six or seven million people every year, and the Henry VII Chapel, with the Confessor's Shrine and the Coronation Chair nearby, is the show-piece. Indeed, it could claim to be one of the most beautiful chapels in Europe, with its massive bronze doors, and the tomb of King Henry and his wife, ringed with the iron grille, all the work of the Italian Torrigiani—and with the banners of the Bath which lead the eye up to that symphony in stone, the roof itself.

Guides pause with their groups, which may come from Milwaukee or Milan, Tokyo or Toronto, Melbourne or Manchester, for this is the penultimate moment of the Abbey tour, before the glimpse of the Coronation Chair, with its Stone of Scone. As a Marshal at Westminster Abbey this season, I found it difficult to explain the story of the Order of the Bath with the brevity expected by the hurrying tourist. The basic details are easy: it is an ancient order of chivalry, and when knights were bold they were also bathed. The cleansing ceremony was to express a desire for purity of living. The ritual was actually associated with a bath—it's nothing to do with the city of Bath—and so on.

But the more one studies the history of the Order, the more obvious it becomes that only after its re-constitution by King George the First, who actually took a bath in company with his knights in 1725, did the Order become an official one, as it is known today. Its status is what one might call number four in the chivalry charts, following the Garter, the Thistle, and St Patrick. It was set up in 1725 by Prime Minister Robert Walpole (at the suggestion of one John Anstis, Garter King-at-Arms) as a military order, and not until 1847 was it divided, as it is today, into military and civil classes.

There is, therefore, a sort of dichotomy between the present Order, now headed by Prince Charles, which figures in every Honours List, and the picturesque but rather ill-defined group of knights who first appeared at the coronation of King Richard II in July, 1377. Dean Stanley, in his famous book on the Abbey, describes how the young king was "accompanied by a body of knights who, having been duly washed in a bath, assumed their knightly dress, and escorted him to the palace". But there are even earlier references. Bathing was mentioned at the knighting of Henry Plantagenet in 1127, more than a century before the present Abbey was built.

At the coronation of Henry IV in 1399, 46 squires were created knights, with the full bathing ritual, the men being wrapped afterwards in blankets. It is almost as if Colonel Blimp, emerging from his Turkish bath, was the first to be entitled to the Order. When Anne Boleyn received her costly, coruscated, dazzling coronation in 1533, the Knights of the Bath were there, "in gowns of violet, purfled with miniver like doctors". But in the celebrated painting by Canaletto, incorporating the procession outside the twin towers of the Abbey, the knights are robed in red. Today their robes are of oyster satin, with scarlet linings, and the sight of the Knights at a ceremonial service is something no one could forget. The Garter ceremony at Windsor is the one which gets all the publicity, but I will wager that, when Prince Charles is installed as Great Master, the Bath ceremony will be a truly noble one.

Robert Walpole received royal letters patent in 1725, setting up the sovereign as the supreme head of the Order, with a royal prince as his companion, a Great Master and 35 companions. The first Master was Lord Montagu, Earl of Halifax, and the Dean of Westminster was made Dean of the Order. It is said that Walpole encouraged his King to revive the Order because he had had so many applications from would-be holders of the Order of the Garter. "As such", writes Dean Stanley, "he offered it to Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, for her grandson. "No", she said. "nothing but the Garter." "Madam", said Walpole, "they who take the Bath will the sooner have the Garter." Under the new statutes, the first knight created was a four-year-old boy, later to become William, Duke of Cumberland, son of King George II. Because of his tender age, he was excused the ceremony of the bath, but presented a small sword at the altar in the Henry VII chapel, where all the Bath ceremonies have since taken place. Today, when a private wedding or christening is held in the Chapel, it is likely that a member of one of the two families has close connexions with the Order.

There are six present office-holders in addition to the Great Master: the Dean, Bath King-at-Arms, the register and secretary, a genealogist, the gentleman usher of Scarlet Rod, and a deputy secretary.

The question so often asked by visitors to Westminster Abbey and the Henry VII Chapel is, "How long do those banners stay there?" The simple answer is that they disappear with the death of the man whose name and title they represent. But the continuity is kept by the placing of a small medallion, displaying his name and armorial bearings, on one of the walls behind the choir-stalls. The earlier medallions are all inscribed in French, but they are now modernized. American visitors are glad to know that Dwight D. Eisenhower, as a general, was during his later lifetime a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

So, between the trappings of history and the terse print of the Honours Lists, the Order of the Bath continues, centred in Westminster Abbey. Prince Charles, with has naval and flying record, should prove a fitting new Great Master.

Michael Barsley

Sportsview

The year veterans showed youngsters a thing or two

At the age of 51, Percy Wells Cerutty, an Australian athletics coach and minor guru, finished a marathon in a Victorian State record time and later became only the third Australian to run [illegible] work again, and probably live for only two years. His recovery was medically and athletically baffling and eccentric: he took up walking and running and studied philosophy, religion and physiology. Later he said: "It was like becoming a child again and believing in fairy godmothers." Several times this year I have been reminded of Cerutty when "old men" in a variety of sports flourished.

Even in this midwinter month, Colin Cowdrey was whisked away for an Indian summer in Australia. Recalled to duty for England at 41, he appeared to the old cricket enemy as some portly country squire, who would blow red in the face. Cynically they said England had come to a sorry plight when a gentleman had to be called from his port wine at Christmas time to face fast bowlers slinging cannon shot head-high.

Cowdrey repelled them with Fred Titmus, a year his senior, as his lieutenant. Titmus was the highest scorer for England in a second Test that shattered the younger men. Only a fortnight before he had asked our Cricket Correspondent, John Woodcock, to write home that he was "alive and well".

These over-thirties are the mellow men, who remind us of days when players did not come "out of the tunnel as if going to Vietnam", the description by Joe Mercer when he, too, was brought back to be England's football "caretaker manager" with refreshing effect on the minds and feet of players previously regimented by numbers.

Placing age before the self-claimed beauty of Muhammad Ali, the champion veteran of 1974, was Sam Snead, 62, a golfer who in successive decades played against Sarazen, Nelson, Hogan, Palmer, and Nicklaus, and was spry enough this summer to finish equal third in the American PGA championship.

The only names ahead of him were Trevino and Nicklaus. He then came to England and in practice for the Benson and Hedges tournament Fulford had a hole in one from 194 yards.

After the PGA event, Peter Ryde, our Golf Correspondent, said: "The golfing public has become used to his extraordinary defiance of the years, but in a highly competitive world, his performance must rank as one of the greatest for his age."

Reg Harris, five times world sprint champion in days when crowds packed Herne Hill, not only returned to cycle racing and won the British professional sprint championship at 54, but revived the forgotten feeling for an occasion—now they call it "showmanship" because if it is seen at all in sport it is usually contrived and affectations.

Reg Harris: He came back to beat riders half his age.

At Leicester in the summer, Harris, beaming prosperity and riding the same red Raleigh bike on which he won his world titles, beat riders half his age. The crowd stood to applaud. Harris stood alone on the track and bowed. He presented his wife with the bouquet, and said he measured his success by "seven broadcasts, three television interviews, and countless press conferences".

Harris's name reappearing in the record book will raise the same questions that a future generation will inquire of Ken Rosewall. In his book *The Tennis Set*, my colleague, Rex Bellamy, said: "Youngsters now in their cots and cradles will ask: 'Hey, were all those Rosewalls the same guy?'"

Rosewall has made several final, farewell appearances at Wimbledon. His latest is always his last, and the last was nearly his best. This year, at 39, he was the oldest finalist since 1912, and the only man to play in finals 20 years apart. Already he had become the first to win the United States singles championship across a span of 14 years.

Wimbledon 74 was to have continued the new era of the "pop image" personified in Bjorn Borg, the David Essex of tennis, the Swedish idol who would bring the girls stampeding across the hallowed centre court. Instead, it brought sighs and gasps and polite tea-time applause from middle-aged mothers as the Brylcreem Rosewall fought to the final, beating the military Stan Smith in the last four.

We felt Rosewall's age more than he did himself (one last chance: play for time, Ken, for time will not play for you). [illegible] powerful octopus arms. At one point the American served for the match and, dolefully, Rosewall's eyes studied the ground. Smith missed a volleyed return and Rosewall went on to make what Bellamy described as "the best recovery in the history of tennis", playing like a 17-year-old to reach the final.

There he was defeated by James Connors, who later beat him in the United States championships as well. But Rosewall will always be "the nice guy among the bullies"—Bellamy's words.

Muhammad Ali also bridged a decade, though in a sport that had degenerated in his absence. At the end of his journey through the 10 years since he first became world heavyweight champion by knocking out Sonny Liston, there was no bright young star, no Connors of the ring, to silence him at 32.

George Foreman, aged 25, was a mute juggernaut on that African night when Ali changed the butterfly tactics of a lifetime and absorbed every punch the champion could raise. In the fifth round Ali rested against the hopes for a full minute and the crowd shouted: "Foreman's sold out." In the eighth round Foreman was knocked out.

Neil Allen, our Boxing Correspondent, wrote from Kinshasha: "As dawn came up over the stadium we knew that if we had not seen a great match—it was really too one-sided for that—we had witnessed a classic kill which even the lions upcountry might envy."

Angelo Dundee, Ali's trainer, said: "My man was faster; he looked taller, and you know, he actually looked younger."

I will not deny Ali's right to the last word: "I want to haunt the boxing world for probably another six months and have my name in *Ring* magazine and let all the boxers, scholars, and critics look at it."

Norman Fox

Medieval refuge where exiles can dream of home

A medieval abbey in Oxfordshire marked this week its official return—more than four centuries after Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries—to something like its original function, with very early morning Mass, self-help, communal living and sufficiency agriculture.

But there are differences: the new "abbot" is an Anglican bishop and a committed socialist, its "brothers" and chief beneficiaries will be black, and the habits of strict worship and celibacy will not apply.

The abbey, a rambling house whose winding passages skirt a flagged inner courtyard, is hidden from the village of Sutton Courtenay by a high stone wall. It will be "reconsecrated" in a very simple and secular fashion, and will be known, rather grandly, as The Namibia International Peace Centre.

Before King Harry interfered, the abbey collected tithes from outlying farms and stored them for the Priory in Abingdon, a couple of miles away. But from now on its "tithes", like its visitors, will come from much more diverse and distant places.

The All-Africa Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation have given the centre their blessing, and the World Council of Churches has promised hard cash.

But the credit for the enterprise must go to Colin Sinter, who became Bishop of Damaraland in South-West Africa, and head of the Anglican communion in Namibia, six years before he moved into the abbey with his wife Mary, their five children and two assistants.

He was expelled from the territory by the South Africans for championing the rights of strikers in 1972 and came to England.

He sees the abbey as a place where exiles like himself can meet and forget their bedsitter loneliness and frustration; where seven or eight Namibian students could live together in an atmosphere of love while studying courses which would help their country after independence.

"We have got to try and de-Westernize the church, and get back to an integrity of ministry, working beside the people and going back to the biblical roots which link Christianity with the labouring poor, and developing an African rhythm and style", he says.

Peter Katjivivi, the London representative of the South West Africa People's Organization, has already set the seal on the partnership by wielding fork, shears and rake alongside the bishop, while the process of the abbey's integration into the surrounding community has been boosted by painting parties from the teacher training college at nearby Culham.

The bishop concedes that the villagers may be slightly unnerved by the sight of a constant stream of black faces, but believes that weekly open evenings should allay any local fears.

William Raynor

Wealth tax men should spare a thought for Lord Egremont

George Hutchinson

With the spirit of goodwill, good works and charity still upon us (I trust), it may be timely to glance at Mr Healey's prospective wealth tax—and then look back.

A wealth tax can no doubt be justified in principle, but not in Britain. It would be hard to defend in a country already burdened by personal taxation as severe as our own. If existing taxes were appreciably lower, then perhaps the innovation might be considered acceptable. Not as things are.

One of the inescapable social effects would be to injure charitable causes of every description. Museums, art galleries, cultural, educational and scientific institutions of all kinds would suffer, private patronage would wither until it was finally extinguished. Everyone would eventually lose—those who had to pay the tax and the many more affected by its inexorable consequences.

With this in mind, I was thinking about the superb Turner exhibition at the Royal Academy. That is to say I was thinking about our greatest painter and his principal patron, George Wyndham, third Earl of Egremont.

But for that Lord Egremont (1751 to 1837), who knows whether Turner could have done as much as he did, or so congenially? Turner and Petworth—Turner and Egremont—are inseparable.

I turn to them both in the words of my friend John Egremont who died, all too soon, in 1972. I had the pleasure of editing his memoirs, *Wyndham and Children First* (Macmillan £2.25p) in 1968.

No one could have had a livelier appreciation of an engaging predecessor. He seemed to feel that he had really known him, and certainly appeared to know everything about him.

"George Egremont", he wrote, "was humane, cultured, observant, sprightly, accurate, shrewd, eccentric, benevolent, well grounded in the classics, of literary and artistic bent, highly competent in business and all practical affairs, a leading landowner and agricultural reformer, Lord Lieutenant of his county in the most literal sense of the term, and a winner of five Derbys and five Oaks, all but one with horses bred by himself". He had £100,000 a year.

He was shy, with a strong preference for the company of artists rather than landed grandees like himself, going about the great rooms of Petworth House, hat [illegible] little dogs at his [illegible] children [illegible] mistresses [illegible]

"He neither drank nor gambled", as John Egremont recorded. "Wine made him uncomfortable; and he thought that the constant gains of some players weren't due to chance alone. . . .

"George Egremont was generous to people in all walks of life—artisans, artists and duchesses. Turner was his frequent guest at Petworth. Under him, Petworth House was like a huge inn with visitors coming and going as they pleased: they were welcome without notice. There was no leave-taking either: you didn't say goodbye, you just left.

"Guests found themselves [illegible] with nurses and [illegible]sing the [illegible] exercising ponies. Nobody was ever quite sure whose children they were.

"There were artists all over the place, some doing original works, others copying Van Dycks. In the Old Library you might have discovered Sir William Beechey altering the figure and background of Gainsborough's portrait of Egremont's mother. Then there would be Carew, the sculptor, modelling and messing about in his bedroom, or chiselling a medallion or two downstairs."

Turner first arrived at Petworth in 1809. We may imagine his feelings as he gazed at the house, one of the great palaces of Europe, and its park. He was given a room to work in, and always kept the door locked: no one but his patron was allowed to enter.

Petworth has 22 Turner pictures and they are, said John Egremont, "among the most precious possessions of the house. The Turner Room, where some of them are hung, is lit up on the dullest of days by these pictures coruscating on lion-coloured walls and reflected in a big rococo looking glass set between the windows. Light was the ally with which Turner carried all before him, filling his pictures with impalpable and haunting presences."

Turner, he wrote, was "a brilliant curmudgeon". When somebody fatuously said to him of one of his pictures: "Yes, but you know I never see sunsets as you paint them", Turner retorted: "No, but wouldn't you like to . . . ?"

In George Wyndham, third Earl of Egremont, a supreme artist found a wonderful patron. There are no patrons quite like him today (no Turners either), but philanthropic instincts, and the capacity to satisfy them, have not been extinguished. The first will never be extinguished. The second may.

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THE CHILTERNS BECKON

It would be a relief for all concerned if Mr John Stonehouse were to apply at once for the stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds. If he is still of a mind to start a new life in Australia, if he is permitted to do so, and if he is now capable of a coherent plan of action, he will vacate his seat. But those are big "ifs" in the context of this extraordinary story. It is conceivable that he will let the matter of the membership of the House of Commons lie, or that he will come back and try to reestablish his political career. The second of those alternatives is certainly consonant with his personality.

In case of that, it is possibly worth remembering that he does not hold his seat in Parliament by favour of the Leader of the House, or of the national executive committee of the Labour Party, or of his constituency chairman. He holds it by right of election in North Walsall. Nor, strictly speaking can he or any other MP resign his seat. He can only disqualify himself from occupying it. The painless way of doing that is by applying for the stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds or the Manor of Northstead, nominal offices of profit under the Crown whose tenure automatically disqualifies a man from sitting in the Commons. The painful way of doing it is for an MP so to conduct himself as to be judged unfit by the House to be a member of it and to be expelled.

Over the years the Commons has found various grounds sufficient for expulsion. Nor is the list necessarily closed. Conviction of a criminal offence other than treason does not automatically disqualify or lead to expulsion. Miss Bernadette Devlin, when member for Mid-Ulster, was convicted of riotous behaviour and incitement and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. She was not expelled. Peter Baker, a one time MP for South Norfolk, was convicted of forgery and sentenced to seven years imprisonment in 1954. He was expelled. A member who is expelled is not disabled from standing for election again, though he may be again excluded—Wilkes and Bradlaugh.

The Commons has not always been wise but it has generally been sparing in its exercise of this jurisdiction. So it should be, for expulsion ruptures the constitutionally fundamental relationship between a member of Parliament and the electors of his constituency. Above all the House is required to approach the question in a judicial spirit.

That requirement implies in the case of Mr Stonehouse that members of Parliament refrain from passing judgment at this stage on his suitability for continued membership of the Commons. He has staged an evidently premeditated, and unsuccessful, disappearance and change of public identity. For that purpose it is alleged that he obtained a false passport (a criminal offence) and procured another birth certificate which he was not entitled to present as his own. Most of the rest of the story is rumour and speculation.

How all this should be judged to affect his fitness to sit in the Commons depends on three developments: clarification of his motives and state of mind when ducking out; clarification of his future intentions; and clarification of his claim that he was being blackmailed. Unless Mr Stonehouse is prepared to anticipate any judgment the House may come to by applying for the Chiltern Hundreds, MPs should proceed with deliberation—and the electors of North Walsall brace themselves for a possible wait. They would not be the first constituents to suffer the inconveniences of inactive representation.

THE DESTRUCTION OF DARWIN

The devastation of Darwin does not rank among the world's largest disasters. The death roll is smaller and the physical damage less extensive than after many other natural disasters, such as the Skopje earthquake of 1963 or the Bangladesh floods of 1970. But numerical comparisons do not mean very much. The almost complete destruction of a town containing roughly as many people as Folkestone evokes a response that is not proportionate to figures on a numbered scale. Many people have died and a great many more have lost not only material possessions but the entire familiar pattern of their lives. No one can measure this loss, and no amount of physical restoration can wholly replace what has gone. It may not even be possible to rebuild the city on the same site, in which case nature will have achieved more than the massive bombing raids of 1942.

Storms of this type strike in less predictable places than earthquakes, which mostly follow known faults in the earth's crust. It is therefore difficult to take special precautions against them, such as building to certain specifications. The best hope is a good forecasting system and reasonably solid buildings. But nothing that is realistic in terms of cost and other factors can provide complete protection from freak weather. Enormous damage was done on Britain's east coast in 1953, when 307 people lost their lives. Nine years later 343 people were killed by storms and floods in Hamburg. Scarcely any part of the globe is immune.

The north coast of Australia is in fact fairly well accustomed to cyclones, and Darwin had ample warning of this one, which probably helped to reduce the death toll. But the wind was much stronger than expected. Darwin has grown rapidly in recent years, and has a lot of timber houses, but even brick structures had roofs torn off, so conditions were clearly much worse than normally provided for. There are limits to the precautions that can be made for abnormal weather. Even so, the disaster will not have helped Mr Whitlam, the Prime Minister. He has already been under criticism for making a long trip abroad at a time when his country is suffering from inflation and unemployment. The fact that the cyclone struck while he was absent will create unhappy if irrational associations in people's minds.

Darwin will probably not need massive international relief operations of the type mounted in poorer parts of the world. The Australian authorities already seem to be coping reasonably well, and financially they are in a better position than most to look after themselves. Nevertheless, with all the personal connexions which exist between Britain and Australia many people in Britain will want to do more than express sympathy. They will want to give tangible help to the people of Darwin and play a part in restoring whatever can be restored.

LAY-OFFS IN THE MOTOR INDUSTRY

It looks increasingly as if the New Year will usher in programmes of severe redundancies in the motor-car industry. Indeed, the process would probably already be further advanced but for the fact that the managements concerned preferred not to blight the holiday period for their employees. The most important single move has been from Chrysler, the American subsidiary, which has already announced that it is putting 5,000 of its Scottish workers on to a three-day week for the last three weeks of January as part of its plans to reduce production. Unless there is, for some quite unexpected reason, a marked improvement in car sales, short-time working will inevitably lead to actual redundancies. And other car manufacturers and component makers will be forced to take the same action.

The motor-car industry, here as in every industrial country, is a central part of the manufacturing economy. Its strength and weakness are a close measure of the condition of the economy as a whole. To the extent that the management of Chrysler UK is closely supervised by its parent company in the United States, the subsidiary in this country may be somewhat quicker than a purely domestic company in responding to the changed situation in the industry. It would, however, be wrong to suggest that American masters are forcing a British company to initiate unnecessarily stringent economy measures. The fact is that no car manufacturer can continue to employ labour and produce cars if it is not achieving the necessary sales. As the domestic and international recession deepens, the levels of employment can only fall.

If, as seems likely, the rate of lay-offs increases in the New Year, two aspects of Government policy will be put to a severe test. Mr Healey, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, has more or less explicitly accepted that, in the interests of containing inflation, he is prepared to accept a transitional unemployment level of up to one million. He must be as aware as anyone of the political and other pressures that would build up if it became clear that the million mark was soon to be reached and then surpassed. Yet, in the interests of economic stabilization, the Chancellor dare not embark on any general reflation of the economy until it is clear that the general level of wage settlements is down to an acceptable level.

Increased redundancies in the motor industry and elsewhere will equally bring the policies of Mr Benn under strain. For Mr Benn seems determined, wherever possible, to use the powers of the existing Industry Act (and the new Industry Bill at present being drafted) to preserve employment. It may be that, by the use of financial guarantees from the Government or the direct injection of taxpayers' money, uneconomic jobs can be preserved for a while longer in companies like British Leyland. But even Mr Benn will have to face the fact that, in a period of deep industrial depression, unemployment will inevitably rise.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Break before university

From Sir Peter Venables

Sir, In his letter (December 5) Sir John Masterman thinks it not to be regretted that many of the students promised places at Monash University did not take them up after the break. Before the practice of the break has a chance to become widespread at British universities with similar results, it would be as well to consider some aspects which have been overlooked or even deliberately ignored.

Others besides Sir John have gathered opinions from students who return, but what valid sample of opinion has ever been taken of those who do not return? What influences have determined their permanent absence, and especially what adverse social factors have supervened—it could so easily be yet another case of "from him that hath not . . .". And as for *him*, what about *her*—why do correspondents deal so exclusively with men, when a major aim should be to increase opportunities for women in higher education? If the break operated for them would the already deprived be still further disadvantaged, especially if they marry. The present position concerning grants to married women is surely a clear enough warning: or is the assumption implicit that women do not need such (assumed) wider experience before higher education? The question of grant affects men, too, not least because marriage happens to them also. In such cases especially the break before university may extend to several years, but is the student then to return on the same level of grant as he would have had in the first place? Nothing could more certainly ensure that still fewer would return to study. Expenditure would then of course be quietly contained within limits assumed to be justifiable.

Again, what is the actual proportion who allegedly drift unwittingly from school to university, and why has this supposedly serious phenomenon remained uninvestigated by a valid survey? Meanwhile hunch and hearsay prevail sustained by financial pressures, and some highly inconvenient educational problems, to contain if not actively to reduce enrolments. All too easily may academic convenience be rationalized as an educational advance. Why indeed should we think that industry and commerce and other forms of occupation and experience will be able to solve the personal, social and educational problems of young would-be students, when those skilled in teaching in our higher educational institutions—or is it only in the universities—are allegedly quite unable to do so? Of course there are dedicated academics, devoted to research and graduate students, who would wish the problems of undergraduates solved elsewhere, even by the psychodynamic forces of the market place, whatever the results may prove to be for the students.

One further assumption needs examination, which is that "experience" is self-sufficient. It may have been once, but now it no longer suffices to prepare students for their own personal lives and work—the casualties and the short-falls are too severe in terms of human happiness and effectiveness and thus derivatively in society at large. What is required is interrelated experience and education, reflected on and assimilated. The Vice-Chancellor of Brunel University touched on this central issue in his excellent letter (December 2), not least I suspect because of his experience in industry and his strong commitment to sandwich courses.

It is greatly to be hoped that the discussion could be widened on the basis of how this fruitful interrelationship can be more generally established, not as an afterthought for a single year, but as a prime necessity over the years of adult life. A break before university or polytechnic or college is peripheral to what should be a commitment to life-long learning. The practical problems will be very substantial and tackling them will require great and enlightened cooperation alike from educators and administrators, industry, commerce and the professions—*and* a vastly more encouraging lead and support from government than has yet been forthcoming in support of the Russell Report, which was presented to the then government on December 5, 1972.

Yours sincerely,
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Birmingham.

Is there, or is there not, a crisis?

From Mr A. R. B. Hore

Sir, I wish someone would tell me whether or not we are all in a frightful mess. I am not sure that I mind any longer which way it is as long as I know because then I shall know what to do.

According to the news media, my stockbroker, many politicians (mainly from Opposition parties), a number of civil servants and a sprinkling of businessmen the situation is almost unbearably grisly. But according to my day to day experience nothing could be further from the truth.

I know that petrol costs a lot more than it did but I do not see any diminution in traffic; I appreciate that prices in the shops and restaurants have shot up but I still find both institutions full to bursting; I understand that industry is in difficulty but I note that a substantial number of companies are still turning in substantial profits. And of course I am told that we are lazy and yet most people I know are working hard enough to bust. So what is wrong?

Naturally I am also *told* that I am living on borrowed time in a fool's paradise. But I was told this last Christmas and the Christmas before that. Just you wait, my friend, until *next* year!

For years we have been telling ourselves that we are living in times of crisis, but a crisis, according to my dictionary, means a turning point and it is a physical impossibility always to be at a turning point—although, come to think of it, perhaps this explains why I feel a bit giddy.

Maybe we have reached a turning point now in which case will someone please tell me, my family and my friends which way to turn. No need to frighten me with dark threats, just tell me. But please do not go on telling me that everything is terrible when it is not or that we are going to have even more frightful turning points next year, because if you do I and my friends will ignore you all, carrying on in our own possibly idiotic and almost certainly selfish ways until we have finally succeeded in talking ourselves into a crisis.

Yours faithfully,
A. R. B. HORE,
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Petersham, Surrey.

From Mr Melvyn Bragg

Sir, I wrote to you some months ago about what I thought was the excess of facile pessimism and self-indulgent gloom in the air, on the screen and particularly on the page. Since then the forecasts, not least from your leaflets and their twin captains Levin and Jay have plunged to a new low. Allowing for the inflation of language I would say that, in real terms, comment has less purchasing power now than at any time since the Shorter Oxford was revised.

Therefore, at the risk of being called a mere Pangloss, I would make three modest predictions for 1975. (1) Parliamentary democracy will *not* break down; (2) hyper-inflation—on a South America pattern—will *not* occur; and (3) the barbarians will *not* take over our culture.

If Ladbrokes would care to open a Doomsday Book, I'd even place a bet.

Yours faithfully,
MELVYN BRAGG,
9 Gayton Road, NW3.

Editors and a closed shop

From the Editor of The Guardian

Sir, Before the demon king disappears in a puff of smoke over Ebbw Vale, could we tidy up one or two points?

The national newspaper editors did not tell the Secretary of State for Employment last week that there could be no talks with the NUJ and others. They told him that the success of any such talks was likely to be jeopardized if he refused to give parliamentary backing to freedom of communication. Nor did they say, as his letter (December 24) implies, that they wanted something difficult to be imposed by law. On the contrary, they wanted exemption for newspapers and broadcasting from the provision in his Bill by which men and women may be dismissed without compensation if they refuse to join a specified trade union in a closed shop situation.

They said to him that since the Labour Government in 1965 insisted on a special section about newspapers in its Monopolies and Mergers Act, today's Labour Government ought to make similar provision in its Trade Union Bill. If monopoly ownership had to be prevented, so must control by a single editorial trade union be avoided. That would still be true even if the NUJ and its policy makers were the fairy godmothers in whom Mr Foot wants us to believe.

With Mr Foot, I welcome the initiative of the general-secretary of the NUJ in seeking further and broader discussion. That discussion will be greatly helped if Mr Foot offers parliamentary backing for freedom of communication. It is hard to see why he will not protect newspapers and broadcasting. The TUC is unlikely to object. If the wording of a clause for his Bill still worries him, I am sure that by letting his parliamentary draftsmen spend a couple of hours with one or two of us he can soon have a satisfactory answer.

Yours etc,
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Threat to close hospitals

From Dr L. R. Twentyman and others

Sir, May we refer to the recent letter concerning the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital and draw your attention to the fact that in addition to this hospital there are others fulfilling a national function which are under threat.

The Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital in Great Ormond Street is in a similar situation. Because it draws patients who want homoeopathic treatment from all over the country, the old management committee submitted a National Plan for Homoeopathy within the National Health Service in which it was envisaged that the Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital would be the national centre for postgraduate teaching in cooperation with the Faculty of Homoeopathy and would be designated a "Special Health Authority" in its own right under subsection (6) of section 5 of the proposed Reorganization Act.

The Department of Health and Social Security saw fit to turn this request down which was made as long ago as April, 1973. An alternative plan was suggested by the department that there might be a statutory Homoeopathic Advisory Committee set up at Regional Health Authority level under section 8(2) of the new Act but after months of delaying tactics the new Act came into being on April 1, 1974, and the hospital's management committee was dissolved leaving no negotiating body in being to continue the discussions.

Since April 1, 1974, no further progress has been made and repeated attempts by the Homoeopathic Research and Educational Trust and the Faculty of Homoeopathy to obtain a response from officials of the Regional and Area Health Authorities have completely failed. Like the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, communication with the authorities has been lost and the endowment funds of both hospitals (subscribed for specific purposes) are now in the hands of the Area Health Authority.

One wonders whether this lack of communication is a deliberate policy of attrition by the department who by doing nothing are effectively running down the medical staff, lowering morale among nurses and ancillary staff and slowly killing small hospitals with a national function.

The expense of keeping such hospitals open in South Camden is always quoted as a reason for possible closure but in comparison with some of the very large hospitals the amount is minimal and the department should allot national funds to these hospitals instead of adopting a parochial attitude that Camden cannot afford to keep hospitals open which do not exclusively serve those patients who live in the immediate area.

Yours faithfully,
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Cathedral collapses

From Professor J. Heyman

Sir, Mr P. Silsby in his letter today (December 16) draws attention to the large number of collapses which occurred in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. A common feature of almost all the examples cited by Mr Silsby is that collapse occurred within a generation of the completion of the work.

There are in fact two critical periods within the early life of a large masonry structure. The first is at the time the original timber centering on which the stones have been set is removed; if the building is of the wrong shape, it will be unable to stand without its original support. However, a very wide range of shapes is possible, and it needs an exceptionally ignorant designer (as William Edwards with his bridges at Pont-y-Pridd) to achieve an instant collapse of this sort.

The second critical period is associated with the settlement of the foundations. With or without seemingly flimsy "bundles of faggots", there is no escape from the enormous stresses that a tower weighing tens of thousands of tons must ultimately apply to the soil. A period of ten or twenty years is needed for the soil to consolidate (to use the technical term of soil mechanics), and to achieve the necessary resisting strength. If the consequent settlement of the tower is uniform, then equilibrium will result within a generation; if, however, one pier supporting the tower settles faster than the others, the whole of the structure may become so deformed that collapse inevitably follows.

At Ely Cathedral, for example, for which I have the honour to be Consulting Engineer for the current restoration work, the western tower has settled relative to the nave and south-west transept by about 12 inches; gross distortions can be seen in the abutting arcades of the nave. However, there is no evidence of any movement having occurred during the past 600 years, and the foundations are now sound without any remedial work being necessary.

If the masonry structure survives these first two critical periods, then it will, with luck, survive for a very long time. There can be other misadventures, but even without these, there will come a day when decay, both internal and external, will have to be attended to. A prime cause of internal decay is the slow deterioration of the rubble and mortar "hearting" of much of the construction, and techniques are now well established for internal and invisible stiffening. External decay of the fabric has of course been much accelerated in recent years by an increasingly hostile environment.

Your leader of December 11 referred to the collapse of the nave at Beauvais. The nave was in fact never built; it was the choir which collapsed in 1284 after having stood quietly for 12 years. A later tower and spire, of height just over 500ft, was completed in 1569, and fell four years later, on Ascension Day.

Yours faithfully,
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Cambridge.

The increases in top salaries

From Mr Hugh Saunders

Sir, Many of us are concerned at the ineptitude of the Government in publishing the recent report on Top Salaries, without giving any indication of what the suggested increases really mean.

Most of the people concerned are in very high tax brackets so that a salary increase of several thousand pounds would almost entirely be refunded to the Government, leaving the recipient better off by only a few pounds per week.

This would seem to be a rather ridiculous case of recycling and quite unnecessary, but to many people who are not familiar with the tax position of high income earners the impression must be given of huge and lavish hand-outs to rich people at a time of national crisis.

If as I imagine one of the main purposes of the proposals is to help the pension position of these senior and deserving public servants, surely a simpler and more effective way of doing it can be found—and one which can be understood by the ordinary citizen.

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr C. E. Knight

Sir, Now that the question of Members of Parliament's salaries is being raised, I would have thought that it would be a disaster if they are increased during this crisis in which we are living. I think they should voluntarily accept a 10 per cent reduction and set themselves up as an example for the rest of the country to follow.

It seems obvious that our present standard of living has got to fall and if everyone were called upon to accept a 10 per cent reduction in salaries or wages, prices would fall rapidly and we should be well on the way to curing our inflation. But this needs an example from the top—and why shouldn't MPs make the gesture.

Yours faithfully,
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Sussex.

From the Principal of Sheffield Polytechnic

Sir, If the Houghton committee has indeed proposed a basis of parity between polytechnic and university teachers, and that parity is implemented, then a great injustice of the educational world will have been removed. Even so, I can find no pleasure in the justice which will increase my own salary by 40 per cent.

If this increase, and other substantial increases for those teachers who, like myself, are already comfortably affluent (albeit, less affluent than a year ago), are within the social contract, then the demand for credulity [illegible] evoke a cynical response.

Either we are, as a nation, in grave and desperate situation, o we are not. If we are, and I a sure we are, then this is no time f largesse with public money, and th goes for "Top Peoples'" salaries to Let us, by all means, establish t principles of justice and equity i salary scales and structures, but l us be sure that we are also esta lishing the conditions under whic the principles can be realized a preserved.

Deferment of substantial i creases in already ample salarie would cause no hardship, provide that schemes are worked out fo concomitant pensions benefits. Th savings in the national bill woul not, of themselves, cure inflatio but the causes of inflation ar after all only partially econom and largely moral. A few exampl of determined concern and leade ship might help us all beyon measure.

Yours faithfully,
G. TOLLEY,
Sheffield Polytechnic,
Pond Street, Sheffield.

From Mr A. J. Pettitt

Sir, As I am unaffected (save as taxpayer) by the increases in th salaries of under-secretaries an others; and as the case *for* eve these limited increases seem likely to go by default; may I pu the case in reply to your correspondent, Mr Ian Gow, MP? (December 24).

1. When there is inflation of the order of 20 per cent, to fail to giv salary increases awarded or recommended for any one *group* o people is, in effect, to reduce thei standard of living by 20 per cen a year. If Mr Gow believes in suc a socialist policy of "levellin down", should not this be effecte openly and by *positive* actions suc as taxation and/or a levy, if it i to be effected?

2. Why must it be always publi and civil servants who are single out for the process advocated b Mr Gow? Have they not on man similar past occasions been force by the Government of the day to se an example; which, of course, n one else then follows?

3. Since the limited increase which have been awarded ar based on what others "outside" in industry and elsewhere have *alread* been enjoying for some time would not the denial of these increases be, in effect, to penalize twice over those for whom they have been recommended?

4. Is not the root cause of all this furore the lengthy periods which have elapsed between the reviews of the salaries in question, and which make the awards seem then that much greater? Happily the present Government have, I think sensibly, proposed to remedy this by annual reviews.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
[illegible]
Bromley, Kent.

The price of sugar

From Mr John Southgate

Sir, In all the press coverage of the current sugar negotiations between the developing countries, the EEC and the British Government I have seen no adequate account of the effect of the proposals on the developing countries. I retired in the autumn of 1972 as Executive Director of the Commonwealth Sugar Exporters' Association and have had no part at all in the present negotiations, but the following are the facts, as I understand them.

The developing countries have been offered by the EEC access for 1.4m tons indefinitely subject to periodic review at a minimum guaranteed price "within the structure of Community prices."

The first reason that the negotiations have so far failed is that the Commission have offered an inadequate minimum price within the Community terms of reference. On top of the minimum price the Community had said that Britain *may pay a supplement* "at least for 1975" because of the very high world price, but they have added that Britain cannot guarantee a price totalling more than £200.

The developing countries are insisting:

(a) that the minimum guaranteed price must not be less and should be more than the £140 per ton Britain is paying under the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement;

(b) that the supplement should be related to the world price and must be for more than one year: at least as long as the world price is significantly higher than the minimum price;

(c) that £200 is inadequate in present circumstances, but it must be added that in the light of the long-term arrangement they are not seeking anything like the total world price.

There are two reasons for this stand.

First, the sale at £200 per ton in 1975 compared with the present world price would wipe out in one year all the benefits they have received from the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement over 21 years.

Second, if the world price comes down (to below £200 per ton in 1975) and to below the minimum guaranteed price thereafter, the measure of the over-payment made by Britain and the Community would be comparatively small and calculable. But if the world price stays high or goes higher, the *developing countries could be seen* to have thrown away hundreds of millions of pounds a year. This is politically *and* economically unacceptable to countries suffering from rampant imported inflation and chronic shortage of foreign exchange. Therefore, there must be some benefit to them from the world price while this is higher than the minimum guaranteed price. If this is not arranged, the sugar cannot be forthcoming.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SOUTHGATE,
4a Douglas House,
Maida Vale, W2.
December 20.

Ownership of Rockall

From Mr Peter Clarke

Sir, The news that the Danish Government disputes the ownership of Rockall merits some attention. The willingness of the Government to placate the other nations of the EEC makes one fear that we could forfeit the islet in return for a Danish concession on sugar beet or some other commodity made artificially scarce by EEC rules.

Rockall extends Invernessshire, and the United Kingdom, 191 miles further west than the Hebrides. The chances are very real that the development of underwater mining techniques could make the islet a source of unknown wealth.

As the Danish claim is geologically sensible (it is part of the Faroe Group) I can only hope that the Government is jealous of its ownership, and doesn't lose Rockall as we lost Heligoland.

Yours &c,
PETER CLARKE,
84 St George's Square, SW1.

Public lending right

From Mr David Benedictus

Sir, Writers don't want a levy on borrowings from the public libraries. A free library service is as essential as free swimming baths, free street lights, and all the rest. And to suggest, as Messrs Hurd and Lawson do (December 20), that the taxpayer should not subsidize this service, but that those who use the libraries should, is as logical as proposing that children should pay for schooling, criminals for jails, and the unemployed for unemployment benefits.

The ideal way to pay for the PLR loans sampling system—the only one that's fair and practical—i through an extended copyrigh scheme, as proposed by Henry Ceci in your columns last summer. Bu such a scheme may not be rushed o to the statute book; many complicated details remain to be worke out. So in the meantime a grant fro the Exchequer will do very nicely and we are grateful to Hugh Jenkin for his promise to find the wherewithal.

All we want is to be able to continue to write books.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BENEDICTUS,
The Pelican, 20 Alexandra Road,
East Twickenham, Middlesex.

The British Library

From Professor T. A. Birrell

Sir, All overseas pilgrims to th British Library will read with amazement and dismay of the latest pla for its ultimate destination. So th Old Royal Library of the Kings o England, the King's Library, Domesday Book, Magna Carta, Beowulf and Shakespeare's First Folios are to be housed on a disused railway goods yard at Euston.

No other civilized nation in the world would choose such an ignominious location for its nationa treasures. If that is not sellin Britain short, I do not know th meaning of the phrase.

Yours faithfully,
T. A. BIRRELL,
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Erasmuslaan 40,
Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

)CIAL NEWS

cess Alexandra will attend a er given by the members of Press Club at the International s Centre, London, on February

Philip Owen, QC, has been ed leader of the Wales and ter Circuit in succession to Emlyn Hooson, QC, MP, who quishes office on completion is term.

rthcoming rriages

Hon T. B. Alexander
Miss D. M. Jenks

engagement is announced ben Thomas Bruce, younger son ord and Lady Alexander of er'aill, of Moor Park, Hertshire, and Diana Mary, younglaughter of Dr and Mrs colm Jenks, of Watford, fordshire.

S. J. Squires
Miss C. M. Browne

engagement is announced been Stephen James, son of the S. J. and Mrs Squires, of int Rivers, Bootle, Cumbria, Charlotte Mary, only daughter Mr and Mrs W. Meredith wne, of The Forstal, Applee, Kent.

Rev I. R. Torrance
Miss M. A. MacHugh

engagement is announced veen Iain Richard, younger son the Rev Professor and Mrs mas Torrance, Edinburgh, and rag Ann, elder daughter of Mr Mrs John MacHugh, West ton, Peeblesshire.

M. S. Vine
Miss M. F. King

engagement is announced ween Martin Spencer, youngest of Mr and Mrs F. S. Vine, ingside, Saltford, Avon, and anda Frances, daughter of jor and Mrs C. R. F. King, matis Cottage, Somerset Lane, h, Avon.

1arriage

J. P. Nicolls
Mrs M. G. Monico

e marriage took place quietly in ndon on December 27 between John Phillips Nicolls and Mrs rtina Gioia Monico.

rthdays today

Henry Bland, 65; Sir Andrew itland-Makgill-Crichton, 64; Sir vard Dill, 69; Mr T. W. Gould, , 60; Lieutenant-General Sir orge Lea, 62; Sir Walter ckey, 73; Lord Salmon, 71. TOMORROW: Sir Richard Beaumt, 62; Lieutenant-General Sir arles Broad, 92; Mr H. Andrew eeth, 62; Mr Gilbert Hunt, 60; Lionel Tertis, 98; Sir Harry wnend, 83.

Understanding the mystery of the Christian Church

By Michael Richards
Editor, *The Clergy Review*

Liturgical change can only really be justified by considerations of faith and doctrine; on matters of taste, one can reasonably expect to argue for ever. Are the present alterations a better expression of the reality in which worshippers are to be involved? Do they get rid of false mystification so as to confront people with the real mystery? Have they succeeded in straining off any comforting but obscure phrases which may act as sedatives or shields from the true power and glory of God? Are they faithful to that new arrangement of human affairs that Christ referred to when he said that we would now be able to worship in spirit and in truth?

There are mysteries from which the prophets of the Covenant, Old and New, have always told us to turn away: sacred groves, high places, hidden rites, secret initiations that lead on treacherous and deceiving paths. There are mysteries which darken and conceal; and there are mystics whose search for a refuge from the world and from themselves requires the hatred of both: the perennial gnostic and the everlasting manichee. There are liturgies that we have made mysterious by turning them protectively into linguistic monuments. Before we put our worship into words and music, ritual and vestment, we must be sure that we know and begin to understand the true nature of the mystery we celebrate. It is easy for us to repeat high-sounding words which may indeed provoke a catch in the throat in the college chapel, but which leave the heart unchanged.

Christianity took the term "mystery" and developed its meaning, making it stand now not for secrecy, obscurity or concealment, but for declaration and making plain. The plan of God for the world was at one time hidden from man and inaccessible; but now he has committed himself to a course of action within human society which he has announced and explained. We know now, said the Apostles, what he intends to do and how he intends to do it; we have seen, as clearly as it is possible for human beings to see it, what he is like; we have been told to give this knowledge to the world.

The Church did not take over the old mystery religions; it rejected them as vehemently as the Old Israel had rejected the agrarian fertility rites of Canaan. The Church did not line itself up with the old mythologies; its thinkers learnt from and joined in the contemporary philosophical critique of the ancient gods. The mind of the Church was focused on personal, human, historic reality; and in that reality the mystery of God had been made known, by meeting the thoughts and confirming the guesses of human myths and mysteries.

The message of the Church was given all at once in simple, public proclamations of the faith within which men could discover themselves. The cross taken up by Christ had in turn to be taken up by others; and what they learnt in taking it was the shape of their own lives.

The "mystery" of Christ's presence in the Eucharist, in his Word, in the Church, is not an enigma, a puzzle, designed to keep our brains busily occupied and unaware of the tedium or the horror of everyday life. It is not a problematic presence, but a real one; the Body and the Blood of Christ which are the chosen sign of that loving obedience *which, he said*, was *food* and drink to him, and the sign of our obedience, too, if we do, as he did, the will of the Father who sent him.

The Statement on the Eucharist drawn up by the Anglican/Roman Catholic International Commission (but not, alas "Series III"), has succeeded in expounding this reality in terms which avoid the literalism into which some Catholics and some Protestants have fallen. We do not dramatically re-enact the Passion of Christ; we do not didactically use bread and wine to put ourselves in mind of past events and future glory. Christ himself uses the bread and wine we see as his contemporary means of accessibility to us: the Body by which he is present (that, after all, is what bodies are for), to nourish us, and the Blood by which His life keeps us alive. It is not anything we have made; it is this new act of presence which is, effectively, the sign of what he has done in the past, is doing now, and will do in the future.

For us, the mystery still to be made known and understood lies not in this real, *meaningful* presence, but beyond it in our acceptance, when, in faith, we allow it to guide the personal pattern and direction of our lives.

This is how Christianity has always marked itself off from Gnosticism or from the mystery religions, from Valentinus or Hare Krishna, mescalin or scientology. The real presence of Christ sends us back into the real presence of our own lives. Rescued from the depths, the body of our mortal flesh takes on clarity and significance. Christianity, in John Toland's words, is not mysterious: but that becomes true only if we consciously and willingly permit its public facts to take the place of our own private fictions.

Science report

Schizophrenia: Heart drug

A new treatment for schizophrenia has proved strikingly effective in preliminary trials at Friern Hospital, North London. A report in the *British Medical Journal* says that 14 patients diagnosed as schizophrenic at the hospital have been treated with propranolol, a drug usually prescribed for the treatment of heart disease. Six lost all their symptoms of schizophrenia and another five showed definite improvement.

Propranolol was found by chance to be effective in relieving mental symptoms in patients given the drug for physical disease. Propranolol is not a tranquilizer (it slows and steadies the heartbeat) but it can relieve some of the symptoms of anxiety such as palpitations and a racing pulse. Its action on the human nervous system is still uncertain, but experiments on animals suggest that the drug accumulates in the grey matter of the brain.

The Department of Health's medicines division thought the evidence available justified a trial of the drug in schizophrenia, and that began in August. The patients who showed dramatic improvements lost their symptons such as apathy, irrational thought and the hearing of voices within a week of starting propranolol and they have remained well since.

A leading article in the journal adds a caution that many other treatments of schizophrenia have seemed highly promising, only to disappoint when further trials have been made.

Propranolol is a dangerous drug, the article says. It can precipitate heart failure and make asthma worse.

By Our Medical Correspondent

Source: *British Medical Journal*, December 14, page 637.

Today's engagements

"Poets of the First World War", Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, Southwark, 10-5.30.
British Theatre Museum, Leighton House, 12 Holland Park Road, West Kensington, 11-5.
London walk: A Dickensian Christmas walk in the City, meet St Paul's station, 2.

Tomorrow

Exhibition: George III, collector and patron, The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, 2-5.
Exhibition: "Utility", furniture and household goods of the 1940s, Geffrye Museum, Kingsland Road, Bethnal Green, 2-5 (final day).

Services tomorrow: First Sunday after Christmas

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8, M 10.30, Rev N. C. S. Motley, TD Hesford in B minor; HC, 11.30 (Gibbons in F), Int. See amid the winter's snow (Goss); E, 3.15, Canon H. Wilson, Mag and ND (Vaughan Williams in G), A, Remember, O thou man (Ravenscroft).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8, M, 10.30, TD (Tallis, 5 part), A, Almighty God which hast given (Gibbons), Canon J. A. Baker; HC, 11.40; E, 3, (Weelkes, The first Service), A, O ye little flock (Amner), Rev N. Collins; 6.30, the Dean.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC (said), 9, 11, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus (Wills's Missa brevis), Carols, Canon Derek Tasker. Choral Evening Prayer 4, (W. Smith), A, Emmanuel (Praetorius/[illegible] in D).

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: HC, 8.30, MP, 11.15, A, Mighty Lord (Bach), Prebendary D. M. Lynch.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): MP, 11.15, TD (Vaughan Williams), A, The Wells song (Trad), Canon Edwyn Young; HC, 12.30.

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC (said), 11, in Chapel of St John.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, MP, 11.15, TD and Jub. (Thalben-Ball in B flat), A, Hear, King of angels (Bach), the Reader.

GUARDS ROYAL, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk (public welcomed): HC, 8, M, 11, Band: Scots Guards, Rev R. I. J. K. Wood, A, In dulci jubilo, HC (choral), 12.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon, Parade Service, 11, Festival of Carols and Lessons, Band: Trumpeters of the Household Cavalry.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, 12.15, M, 11 (Boyce in A), A, Quem vidistis pastores (Dering), and E, 7.30 (Noble in B minor), the Resident Chaplain. Coventry Carol.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, M, 11 (Stanford in B flat); E, 3.30, Carols.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev P. Duncan.

ALL SAINTS', Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.30, HM, 11, Missa brevis (Wills), Rev S. Salter; E and B, 6 (Sumsion in G).

CHELSEA PARISH CHURCH, Sydney Street: HC, 8.15, 12.10, Parish Communion, 10; M, 11, Prebendary Harold Loasby; E, 6.30, Rev Christopher Dent.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15, Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev J. B. Gaskell.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8 and 12.15, Family Communion, 9, Mr M. R. C. Sherlock; M, 11, the Vicar; E, 6, Professor A. Cameron.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road: HC, 8.30, 12.15, M, 11, and E, 6, Prebendary D. W. Cleverley Ford.

HOLY TRINITY, Kingsway: SE, 11, Rev John Arrowsmith.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8 and 5.30 pm, SM, 9.30, HM, 11 (Mozart in C), Rev L. D. P. Boyd; E and B, 6.

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9, M, 11 (Darrant—short), A, Coventry Carol, Dr Gurney Smith; E, 6.30 (Tallis-Dorian), A, The Rocking Carol, the Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30, M and HC, 11, Rev Wallace Boulton, Jub and Gloria (Stanford in B flat); E, 6.30, Mag and ND (Stanford in B flat), Sermon in music.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens: LM, 8 and 10; HM, 11.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 9, M, 11, A, A Christmas Song (Tye), Rev W. M. Atkins.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High Street: HC, 8, 12, MP, 11, Rev A. W. D. Bayley; E, 6.30, Rev G. C. Taylor.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15, Eucharist, 9.15 (no sermon), M, 11, and E, 6, Rev J. L. W. Robinson.

ST JOHN'S, Causton Street: Parish Communion, 9.15.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: HC, 8.15, 12.15, and 6.45 Canon D. L. Edwards; M, 11, TD (Weelkes), A, Gloria in excelsis (Weelkes); E, 6, Mag and ND (Stanford in C), A, Quem pastores (Rutter).

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: HC, 8, Family Communion, 9.45; M, 11.15, Rev Andrew Couch; 6.30, Rev Ron Swan.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 7, 8, 12.30, Sung Eucharist, 9.30, Rev H. L. O. Rees; M, 11.15, Rev A. F. Davis, A, In the bleak mid-winter (Darke); E, 6.30, Rev C. G. Rogers, A, Coventry Carol.

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8, 11, Missa brevis (Palestrina), Rev P. Harding; Mot, O magnum mysterium (Victoria); E, 6.30.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8, 9, SE, 11, Rev F. T. Harvey; E (said), and Carols, 6.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: M, 11, Bishop Goodwin Hudson, 6.30, Rev R. M. Benner.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: HC, 9.25, Sung Eucharist 11 [illegible], Mot, [illegible] (Ord), Rev D. B. [illegible].

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8, M, 11, E, 6.30, Rev O. R. Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 7, 8, HM, 11 (Rose), the Vicar; 6, Nine Lessons.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, Missa [illegible] (Peloquin), Vot. Carols pastores (Gransin), Canon French-Beytagh.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street: 11 Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey; 6.30, Rev Dr George G. Cameron.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15 Rev J. Miller Scott; No Evening Service.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: LM, 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 and 7; HM, 10.30; V and B, 3.30.

THE ORATORY, SW: SM, 11, Puer qui natus est (Guerrero); V and B, 3.30, Mot, Pastores loquebantur (Victoria).

ASSUMPTION, Warwick St: SM, 11 (Latin), Charpentier in D.

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm, Christmas Carol Mass (Korman), Resonet in laudibus (Sutel).

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: LM, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 (Father Kevin O'Callaghan), 4.15, 6.30 and 7.30 pm; Sung Mass, 11.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Dr Daniel Jenkins.

KENSINGTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian Congregational), Allen Street: 10, Rev E. G. Miller; 6.30, Rev T. C. Micklem.

CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Dr N. Barnett.

METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE (Spurgeon's) Baptist Church, Elephant and Castle: 11 and 6.30, Dr Peter Masters.

KINGSWAY HALL (West London Mission): 11 and 6.30 (at Holy Trinity, Kingsway).

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11, Dr Kenneth Slack; 6.30, Rev Charles Meachin.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Dr William Fitch.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, meeting at St Martin's, Ludgate Hill: 11, Rev Deryck Collingwood.

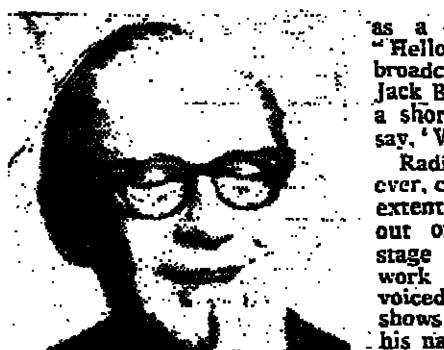
ESSEX CHURCH (Unitarian), Kensington (temporary), St Mary Abbots Church Hall, Vicarage Gate: 11.15, Rev F. W. Phillips.

FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP (Quakers), 52 St Martin's Lane: 11.

OBITUARY

MR JACK BENNY

A lifetime in entertainment



Jack Benny, who has died at his home in California at the age of 80, was the leader of a generation of American comedians who grew to fame with the spread of radio in the early 1930s.

Born Benjamin Kubelsky in 1894, in Waukegan, Illinois, where his father ran a saloon, he went into vaudeville at the age of 15, but not on the stage. Instead, he was in the orchestra pit, already playing the violin that was, with his reputed frugality, to become a trademark of a lifetime in entertainment.

Returning to vaudeville after the 1914-18 War, in which he served in the United States Navy, Benny progressed from the pit to the stage, where he found work first as a standup comic, then as a dancer and eventually as a small-part actor in Broadway musicals.

In 1926 he went to Los Angeles, where he met and married Mary Livingstone who was to stay with him on stage and off throughout his long life. Billed by now as Benny K. Benny, he continued to work in musicals and occasionally as part of a piano and violin double act.

His real break did not come until 1932, in which year he went on radio for the first time as a guest of Ed Sullivan. "Hello folks," were his first broadcast words. "My name is Jack Benny. There will now be a short pause for everyone to say, 'Who cares?'"

Radio audiences did, however, care about him, to such an extent that he bought himself out of an already scheduled stage musical and started to work instead with the gravel voiced Negro, Rochester, on the shows that were to make both his name and his fortune.

In spite of his repeated assurances to the contrary, Jack Benny was neither a mean man nor a mean violinist, although when he played his first serious concert one critic did note that the New York Philharmonic seemed to be out of tune with him. Another added simply: "Last night Jack Benny played Mendelssohn, and Mendelssohn lost".

Yet beneath the wisecracks Jack Benny was serious enough about the violin to invest in a Stradivarius, and his work for innumerable charities was every bit as painstaking and as frequent as the jokes about his meanness. He once set up a trust fund to give every child in Waukegan 39 dollars, with the proviso that they could not cash the money until their thirty-ninth birthdays, by which time the value had multiplied many times over.

After the Second World War Benny moved his show, complete with Rochester, to television and carried it on there until changing public taste made it impossible to continue with the "Uncle Tom" character of Rochester. Alone, Benny continued to do television specials and concert and cabaret appearances until the very last months of his life.

His jokes remained, like the man himself, as polished, as urbane and often as acid as a page of the *New Yorker*. He leaves a widow and their adopted daughter.

SIR HAMILTON KERR

Sir Hamilton Kerr, Bt, Conservative Member of Parliament for Cambridge from 1950 to 1966 has died at the age of 71.

"Ham" Kerr, as he was affectionately known by his friends, was one of the most popular and versatile members of the House of Commons. He was an able writer, and had a wide knowledge of foreign affairs, about which he frequently spoke and lectured. He was an artist and painter of no mean ability, but he was also an athlete, and a fine example of physical fitness.

While at Oxford he won an athletics Blue as a half-miler. He later played tennis for the Lords and Commons against the French Chamber of Deputies, and he represented the British Parliament at skiing. He kept [illegible] fit by vigorous training, and in 1954 was one of the athletes who ran through the streets of London carrying purses from point to point in aid of the restoration fund of £4m needed for British churches.

He had a gift for interpreting with almost uncanny accuracy the views of his fellow members on topics of the day. This proved of the utmost value when, between 1954 and 1957, he served as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Mr Harold Macmillan at the Ministry of Defence, the Foreign Office and the Treasury.

Born in 1903, Hamilton William Kerr was the son of Henry S. Kerr, of Long Island, New York, and of Olive Grace (who, on her second marriage, became Lady Greville). Henry Kerr had emigrated from Scotland to the United States. Hamilton Kerr returned to Britain at an early age, and was educated at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford.

From Oxford he went into Fleet Street, and worked for some time on the staffs of the *Daily Telegraph* and *Daily Mail*. But he had always been interested in politics, and at the general election of 1931, when he was 28, he was elected as one of the two Conservative members for Oldham. He lost the seat at the 1945 general election, but was returned for Cambridge in 1950.

His victory there was one of the features of that election, for he turned a Labour majority of [illegible] into a Conservative majority of 4,854. He held the seat at subsequent elections, his majority in May, 1955, being 7,106.

In 1949 he was a delegate to The Hague Conference, and in 1952 he was a delegate to the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe at Strasbourg. He lectured in France for the Foreign Office on "Britain and Western Europe" and "The Role of the Opposition in Parliament", and in the United States on "British Foreign Policy". He was created a baronet in 1957. He was a former Chancellor of the Primrose League.

Kerr was a man of deep spiritual faith, and was keenly interested in the work of Moral Re-Armament. He was unmarried.

LORD MOYLE

Lord Moyle, CBE, whose death at the age of 80 was reported briefly in *The Times* on Tuesday, was (as Arthur Moyle) Labour MP for Stourbridge from 1945-50 and represented Oldbury and Halesowen from 1950-64. Between May, 1946, and December, 1955 he was Parliamentary Private Secretary to Earl Attlee when he was Prime Minister and later Leader of the Opposition. A man of great tact and good humour he gave Clement Attlee devoted service.

He successfully piloted three Private Members Bills through Westminster—the Fireworks Act, 1955, the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, and the Matrimonial Proceedings (Children) Act 1958. He was created a life peer in 1966.

He was twice married and is survived by his second wife and the son of his first marriage Mr Roland Moyle, Minister of State Northern Ireland Office.

DR JOHN RAMSBOTTOM

Mr E. F. Allen writes:

Your excellent obituary makes no mention of John Ramsbottom's service to the Royal National Rose Society. In 1949 he re-wrote the society's scientific handbook, *The Enemies of the Rose*, in collaboration with Fox Wilson, the entomologist. Although now somewhat dated this publication was an invaluable aid to rose growers of the time and the society showed its appreciation in 1950 by giving to Ramsbottom its highest award, the Dean Hole Medal.

Mr Bertram Nicholls, a former president of the Royal Society of British Artists, has died at the age of 91.

SIR EDWARD MAUFE

The Archbishop of Canterbury writes:

I should welcome the opportunity of making reference to an omission in your otherwise admirable obituary notice of Sir Edward Maufe. No mention was made in it of the work which Sir Edward did in connexion with Bradford Cathedral.

It was in fact an operation carried out with great skill and success. He converted a 500-year-old city church which had, since the creation of the diocese in 1919, served as its cathedral, into a very beautiful church worthy of taking its place among the other mother churches of English dioceses.

The task must have presented any architect with a series of difficult problems, not least of which was the steepness of the slope on which the architect had to work. The result of his labours can be seen in a cathedral which is at once workmanlike and attractive. Sir Edward was greatly assisted by Lady Maufe in the interior decoration of the church.

I should like to add a word of appreciation of the cathedral which this great architect created at Guildford. I write as one who has twice had the privilege of lecturing at night to crowded audiences in a building which left the lecturer with the impression of a subdued but radiant glory.

Mr Peter Lavington, joint managing director of Purnell and Sons Ltd, Paulton, Somerset, died on December 20 at the age of 60. He moved to Purnells in 1962 to plan and install the company's gravure division. He joined the board later in 1962 and became joint managing director of the company in 1970.

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, December 28, 1949

Temperatures up

From Our Weather Correspondent

Even those with very long memories will be able to quote few comparisons with the mildness of the Christmas period for 1949. On each of the last four days there have been temperatures above 50 deg in England and Wales, and the nights have also been exceptionally mild.

At Kew on Boxing Day the temperature rose to 54.4 deg, and on the following night the temperature did not fall below 49 deg. These two temperatures equalled the records for mildness since 1882. The night of Boxing Day was typical of early June and 12 deg above the average for the end of December. The average day and night temperatures at Kew during the last four days are also higher than any on record for the Christmas period.

A few towns have had sunny periods. The best record on Christmas Day was 4.6 hours of sunshine at Cleethorpes.

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One trader, one pitch' not igid rule in the Lane

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The Court of Appeal, in reved judgments, approved the lice of the London borough of ences for street trading in tticoat Lane, but held that noulation of being placed on the iting list could amount to a resal of a licence. Lord Diplock d Lord Justice Lawton held that ere was no rigid rule of "one ider, one licence, one pitch at a ne".

Their Lordships dismissed peals by the borough council ainst orders of the Divisional ourt on May 2 that unless the rough were prepared to grant plications by Mr Harold Kaynevenson and his wife, of Abbotts rdens, Barnet, for street trading ences they should send notices their decision to the applicants, cluding intimations of their hts of appeal.

Mr James Comyn, QC, and Mr hn Blair-Gould for the council; Colin Ross-Munro, QC, and Mr urice Fitzmaurice for the applints.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS d that old Mrs Annie Levenson d No 1 pitch, one of the best the Petticoat Lane street arket. She ran it with her son rold and his wife, Shirley, the plicants. She had an annual ence for the pitch, granted by e council. By statute she was titled to nominate a relative to ceed her on her death. In 1969 d 1970 she nominated Harold. t in 1971 the council said that e relative to be nominated should not be a person holding annual licence in the Tower mlets area" and Harold held a ence for pitch No 107. She uld not nominate Shirley, for a ughter-in-law did not count as a relative".

In 1972, however, the applicants d a baby daughter, Samantha, o as a "grand-daughter" did unt as a "relative". So in tober, 1972, when Mrs Levenson plied for a renewal of pitch 1 she nominated Samantha.

In February, 1973, Mrs Levenson ed and Samantha's mother plied in Samantha's name for tch No 1. But someone at the wn hall said that she was too ung to be a licence-holder. In arch the council refused mantha's application and sent a rmal letter of refusal with a tification of a right of appeal to magistrates' court, which was cessary by section 37 of the Lonn County Council (General wers) Act, 1958. A notice of peal was given on her behalf, t it was adjourned after each of e applicants had applied for a ence for pitch No 1.

The council did not grant the plications. The council said that rold could not be granted other licence because he already d one and that his wife's applican had been placed on the waitg list, which was very long.

The applicants then applied for andamus requiring the council determine their applications cording to law. The Divisional urt held that the council had to intents and purposes refused e applications but had failed in eir statutory duty to issue a rmal notification of refusal to e applicants.

The council had a rule that a reet trader was only entitled to e licence for one pitch at a time. ey derived that rule from the ondon County Council (General owers) Act, 1947, and *Greenum's* case ([1957] 55 LGR 129). he draftsman of the 1947 Act did t apply the general rule of interetation laid down in the Interetation Act 1889, that the singular cluded the plural. When the aftsman intended the singular used the singular: when he tended the plural, he used the ural. Time and again he used e words "street or streets", day or days", "time or times". It was clear to his Lordship that treet trader's licence was purely rsonal to him. The Act only owed the holder of a licence to conduct his business at one pitch at a time. His Lordship's conclusion was: "One trader, one licence, one pitch at a time".

But the fact that Harold held another licence for pitch No 107 did not make him "unsuitable" within section 21 (3) (a) of the 1947 Act to hold a licence for his [illegible]. All that it meant was that he might have to give up his pitch No 107.

Since *Perilly's* case ([1973] 1 QB 9) the council had a waiting list for applicants and, in practice, when they put a name on a waiting list they did not treat it as a refusal and accordingly they did not give the applicant any formal notification or told him that he could appeal.

The waiting list was a convenient piece of administration, but the council should alter their form of notification. To put an applicant on the waiting list was tantamount to a refusal on the ground that there was no space available: section 21 (3) (b). They should notify him that it was a refusal and tell him of his right to appeal. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

LORD DIPLOCK said that section 17(1) of the LCC (General Powers) Act, 1927, made it an offence to street trade without a licence. The subsection contemplated two kinds of trading: from a stationary pitch and peripatetic trading. There was nothing to suggest that any person was restricted to a single licence. The borough council were not, in his Lordship's view, entitled by section 21(2)(a) of the 1947 Act to give effect to an indiscriminating policy applicable to all street traders of limiting them to a single pitch.

Parts of the reasoning in *Greenbaums* case had in his Lordship's view, been invalidated by subsequent amendments to the 1947 Act.

His Lordship did not see any objection to the council having recourse to a waiting list such as was used by the council for applicants who did not already hold a current licence for another pitch. An applicant who on applying for a particular vacant pitch in a popular street was told that his name had been put on the waiting list, would rightly understand that as a refusal of the annual licence.

As the law now stood there was *nothing* to prevent a street trader from applying for separate annual licences for individual pitches, nor to prohibit the council from granting them.

The omission to notify the applicants of their right of appeal to a magistrate was no mere technicality. It was deliberate and based upon alleged grounds of substance which had been held to be erroneous in law. His Lordship saw no grounds for interfering with the exercise of the Divisional Court's discretion to grant mandamus to each of the applicants.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said that there had been a street market in Petticoat Lane, beyond Aldgate Pump, for at least 200 years. It was outside the City markets.

Without control over street markets there would be chaos. The market, with its attraction for Londoners and its worldwide reputation for tourists, brought large crowds to it, particularly on Sundays. The local authority had worked out a policy for controlling the market.

His Lordship approved the council's waiting list policy. If the appropriate committee of the council considered that trading conditions in Petticoat Lane were such that it would be difficult for most men to control properly more than one pitch at a time, they were entitled to have as a guideline the policy of "one man—one licence", but they must be prepared to consider the suitability of an applicant who claimed that he could control properly two or more pitches at the same time. Infancy was not a legal bar to holding an annual licence, it was a discretionary one to be applied on the evidence. The appeals should be dismissed.

Solicitors: Edward Fail, Bradshaw & Waterson; Tringhams.

Court of Appeal

Cost of caring for illegitimate children

K v J.M.P. Co Ltd

Before Lord Justice Cairns, Lord Justice Stephenson and Mr Justice Graham

[Judgments delivered December 20]

The financial support of a mother was not recoverable under the Fatal Accidents Acts, 1846 to 1959, by her illegitimate children from defendants responsible for their father's death since the [illegible] The Court of Appeal allowed in part an appeal by the defendants from a judgment of Mr Justice Forbes by which he awarded damages under the Fatal Accidents Acts to the children for the loss of the financial support *given by* their father to their mother who looked after them.

Leave was granted to appeal to the House of Lords.

Mr Michael Wright, QC, and Mr Stephen Desch for the appellant defendants; Lord Gifford for the children, the plaintiff respondents.

LORD JUSTICE CAIRNS said that the three plaintiff children were illegitimate. Their parents had lived together from 1964 until their father was killed in 1971 in an accident for which the defendants were responsible. In 1971 the children were three, five and six years old, living with their parents and cared for by their mother. The father, a *subcontractor* in the building trade, was a generous man, providing all the necessaries of life for the mother and the children, together with long holidays in Ireland and trips to relations.

The defendants accepted that the children's pecuniary loss resulting from the death of their father included the cost of their share of the *housekeeping*, holidays and food, of air fares and outings and the whole cost of clothes, toys, rent, television and washing machine. However, the children claimed that those parts of the father's expenditure which related to the maintenance of the mother indirectly formed a provision for them and, accordingly, the pecuniary loss to them was the total of the father's financial provision for the family less only the amount attributable to his own keep and fares.

The basis of that claim was that during the father's lifetime he provided for them to be looked after in the house by their mother and accompanied by her on holidays and outings. Not having similar provision made for them after his death they suffered a loss which could be measured by the amount of payments made to support the mother and to enable her to travel with them. That argument was accepted by the trial judge.

For the defendants it was contended that there was no justification for treating the sums expended by the father for the [illegible] discontinuance of those expenditures as a loss to the children. There was no evidence that the mother had not continued to devote the same care to the children since the father's death as she had done before while living *on supplementary benefits up to* the time of the trial. The defendants contended that the amount of the damages attributable to the support of the mother should be deducted from the total awarded

His Lordship was struck, as was the trial judge, that although Parliament had extended the benefit of the Fatal Accidents Act to illegitimate children, the Acts still made no provision for a woman who outside matrimony had lived with a man for many years, depended upon him and mothered his children. Counsel for the defendants had warned the court against in effect putting the mother, contrary to the intention of Parliament, in the same position as if she had been a lawful wife by awarding damages to children equivalent to her own loss of dependancy.

In recent years there had been an extension of the principle that in both personal injuries and fatal accidents cases a plaintiff could recover damages measured by a figure representing reasonable remuneration for a wife, relation or friend who had voluntarily rendered services to the plaintiff by way of nursing or care made necessary by the injuries or death. None of the decisions was near to the instant case because the care which the mother gave to the children was not made necessary by the death but was a continuation of care which was exercised before the death.

If by the death of the father the children had suffered a pecuniary loss through the loss of the care of their mother supported by the father, should the supplementary benefit received by the mother be set off against that loss? The change in the mother's resources did not constitute a pecuniary loss to the children unless it could be shown, that the care which the mother could give to them was diminished by the loss of the father's support.

It appeared that the mother was entitled to supplementary benefit (or was at least likely to receive it) at the normal rate for a single person. Consequently her share of the housekeeping money provided [illegible] children. The cost of air fares and outings was different. Those were luxuries not covered by supplementary benefits. The payment of the mother's fares by the father could be regarded as a payment made to enable the children to enjoy holidays and outings and cessation of those payments was a pecuniary loss to the children and recoverable by them.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHENSON, agreeing, said that social security benefit was not one of the benefits which section 2 of the Fatal Accidents Act, 1959, allowed the court to ignore in balancing a dependant's gains against losses. It might not have to be set off against losses caused by a tortfeasor to a surviving plaintiff but it would have to be set off against the loss caused to a widow by her husband's death, though that loss would include the cost of feeding herself. This mother was in a different position; she could not get payment for her food and clothes directly from the defendants, but she did get it from the state. She could not get it twice over once from the state and once from the defendants indirectly through the children. It was only extras which social security would not cover and which were incurred by the mother in order to maintain the children's standard of life that could and should be paid for by the defendants as part of the children's loss.

MR JUSTICE GRAHAM, supporting the trial judge's basic figures, said that he did not think it right to make any definite assumption as to the amount of supplementary benefit which the mother would receive. The real question was whether the children suffered a pecuniary loss capable of being estimated in money terms by their father's death in that after his death the services and care which their mother, being alone without the father and not being so well supported, was able to give them were likely to be less than those she could give before the death.

His Lordship considered that it would be correct to leave to a jury, if the matter was being so tried, the question whether the comparative qualities of the services and benefits afforded to the children in the family home by their mother in that capacity, supported to whatever extent she might be after their father's death, were equal to those [illegible] the father in his lifetime. If those services and benefits were less, then it was for the jury to estimate the monetary value of the loss suffered by the children as a result. The trial judge was right, trying the matter as he was without *a jury, to look at the mother's* services in her capacity as mother and not as "wife" of the deceased.

He took the view that it was impracticable to try to divide the mother into two and that "if some of her had to be supported as the mother of three children then the whole of her had to be".

In assessing the children's position after their father's death it was open to the judge to consider that the mother would be carrying the coal herself, ie, doing all the time-consuming jobs which had to be done in a home with three young children and would have less time and energy to devote specifically to the children individually. He was not in error in deciding that the children would be worse off in respect of housekeeping services and benefits available to them and that in any event the amount of money necessary to support the mother should be assessed without assuming that the maximum supplementary benefit would be paid to her. Damages under the Fatal Accidents Acts could never be estimated exactly, and in cleaving with a broad axe as he had done the trial judge was right.

It was quite wrong to say that the judge's finding had placed the mother in the position of a lawful wife and enabled her to recover on that basis when she was not entitled to do so under the legislation. If she were a lawful wife she might have expected to be supported by her husband for many years to come and any multiplier in her case in that capacity would be quite different and much longer than any used in the case of her support as a mother until the children reached the age of 16.

Solicitors: Vizards; Gasters.

Equitable assignment of option without notice

Warner Bros Records Inc v Rollgreen Ltd and Others

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Roskill and Sir John Pennycuick

[Judgments delivered Dec 20]

An equitable assignee of a contractual option who has not given notice of the assignment to the grantor of the option cannot exercise in his own name so as to bind the grantor.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the third and fourth defendants, Mercury Record Productions Inc and Phonogram Inc, from the judgment of Mr Justice Willis (*The Times*, December 4) setting aside third party proceedings by Mercury and Phonogram against the first and second defendants, Rollgreen Ltd and Mr Roderick David Stewart.

Mr F. Maurice Drake, QC, Mr Michael Kempster, QC, and Mr Harold Burnett for Mercury and Phonogram; Mr A. J. Lincoln, QC, Mr Andrew Morritt and Mr F. Ungoed-Thomas for Rollgreen and Mr Stewart; Mr Andrew Bateson, QC, and Mr Nicholas Strauss for the plaintiffs, Warners.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Mr Stewart, a pop star, conducted his affairs through Rollgreen. On October 9, 1968, he made an agreement with Mercury, an American company, under which Mercury was to employ him and he was to make recordings for them. That agreement was for a year, but Mercury were given four separate options of extending it for four separate *terms* of one year each. Each option was to be exercisable by written notice sent to Mr Stewart by registered post or recorded delivery. One clause said: "Mercury may at its election assign this agreement or any of its rights hereunder. . . ."

The options were exercised so that, apparently, the contract would continue until October 9, 1973. In 1971 Mr Stewart, or Rollgreen, made an agreement with "rival" producers and distributors, Warners, giving them the right to recordings for three years from that date.

There was then no conflict between the two agreements. On June 1, 1972, however, Mercury made an extension agreement with Mr Stewart, by which the option period was increased to *two* years expiring in October, 1973, and two further terms of two years each, each to be exercised as provided for in the original agreement.

Then Mercury, who were incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware, were dissolved, and transferred all their assets, including contractual rights, to New Mercury Corporation, who afterwards changed their name to Phonogram Inc.

The important point arose that no notice was admittedly given to Mr Stewart of that assignment by Mercury to Phonogram. Later, on August 7, 1973, a letter was written purporting to exercise the option. It read: ". . . the undersigned, Phonogram Inc (formerly Mercury Record Productions Inc) does hereby exercise the option contained in the written agreement between yourself and said corporation, dated as of October 9, 1968, for extension of said agreement from October 9, 1973, to October 9, 1975."

The point was whether that was a valid exercise of the option.

Warners took proceedings against Rollgreen and Mr Stewart, Mercury and Phonogram being added later, claiming interference with and inducement of breach of their contract. It was only a few days before the trial that details of the assignment by Mercury to Phonogram emerged. The point whether the exercise of the option of August 7, 1973, was good was dealt with as a preliminary issue, formulated in terms agreed between the parties: "Whether or not an equitable assignee of a contractual option who has not given notice of the assignment to the grantor of the option may exercise the same in his own name so as to bind the grantor of the option."

Phonogram were equitable assignees who had not given notice of the assignment but just exercised the option themselves. As a point of law, Mr Justice Willis had decided that they could not exercise the option unless previously (or at the same time) they had given notice of the assignment.

The matter seemed to his Lordship to be reasonably plain. The court had been referred to cases of leases, such as *Friary Holroyd v Singleton* ([1899] 1 Ch 86 and [1899] 2 Ch 263), in the Court of Appeal, as to which Mr Drake said that special considerations applied to landlord and tenant cases.

That might be, but apart from questions of landlord and tenant, it seemed quite well established that when there was not a legal assignment but an assignment in equity there was no effective right in the assignee to enforce—his Lordship did not say sue on—any right under it unless he had [illegible] notice. That seemed to [illegible] the leading case of *Dearle v Hall* ([1828] 3 Russ 1). Mr Drake said that that case was dealing with priorities, but it was not so limited. The giving of notice was necessary to make title effective.

That state of the law was accepted and recognized by what was now section 136 of the Law of Property Act, 1925. An option was a legal chose in action, and, as Mr Justice Danckwerts had pointed out in *Stromdale & Ball Ltd v Burden* ([1952] Ch 223, 235), it was a kind of offer which must be accepted by the person to whom it was made and not by any other person. It could not be exercised by an equitable assignee until notice was given, and in the present case that was now too late.

LORD JUSTICE ROSKILL, agreeing, said that the only right of an equitable assignee was against the grantee. There was no reason to distinguish between landlord and tenant and contractual cases.

Sir John Pennycuick delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Davenport, Lyons & Co; D. M. Landsman & Co; Wright & Webb.

Correction

The third paragraph from the end in *Attorney General's Reference no 2 of 1974* (December 21) should have read: "The Attorney General's question became relevant only on the assumption that the jury were not satisfied that the quantity of smoke in the motorist's [illegible]

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Cricket

No answer to alliance of Thomson and Lillee

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Melbourne, Dec 27

Although England failed to take an Australian wicket in the third Test match here today their position did not deteriorate from overnight. They took their first innings score from 176 for seven to 242 all out, and, because of bad light and occasional rain, Australia had replied with only 63 runs off 29.3 overs by the close of play. Altogether two hours 20 minutes was lost.

Like 54,408 other people, or most of them, I was baffled by Redpath's decision, in company with his partner, Wally Edwards, to leave the field in mid-afternoon when the umpires first gave them the option to do so. It was dark, certainly, but England, not Australia, had their backs to the wall. Hendrick had pulled a hamstring in the last over of the morning, an injury which will almost certainly prevent him from bowling again in the match. But off the Australians came, as though it were they who were under pressure. There was only another 10 minutes' play after that, if anything in rather worse light. It was at this time of year on the last tour of Australia that the whole of the Melbourne Test match was washed out. We are not in for that sort of weather, the bureau says, but it looks far from settled.

In that they are down to four bowlers (Willis, Greig, Underwood and Titmus) with no one else to offer more than the occasional over, the situation begins to resemble Sydney in 1950-51 when, after being bowled out for 290, England's attack was in the hands of Brown, Bedser and Warr, with only Compton to help out. Both Wright and Bailey had been injured. We are better off than that now, but not by much. Willis is bowling with his thigh already strapped. By tomorrow morning, as things are going, we shall have an appendicitis on our hands.

Hendrick seems injury and illness prone. Twice in the West Indies earlier this year, and again in Perth the other day, he was unfit to play when wanted. It was in his third over now that he broke down. By then the crowd had seen their most entertaining cricket of the day, played by Knott and the England tailenders. The best fun after that was the appearance of two young Australians, dressed, as the umpires always are out here, in white shoes, black trousers, white shirts with the sleeves rolled down, and broad white hats. They came out during the break for bad light, marching in step, which is again the thing to do, and taking everyone in. By the time they were rumbled they were half-way to getting the game restarted, which most people thought should be happening anyway.

A prank is over. The two youths who amused the 55,000 crowd with their impersonation of the umpires at Melbourne yesterday are escorted off the field by two genuine policemen.

In 80 minutes this morning England's last three wickets had added another 66 runs. They would have settled for that. Knott was chiefly responsible, first with Underwood's help, then Willis's and finally Hendrick's. The only trouble with this was that it emphasized how much the pitch had settled down since Thursday. With their strength and speed, though, Thomson and Lillee still got the short ball to fly. Thomson was warned once, after he had nearly knocked Knott's head off, for underpitching. Lillee, doing the same, hit Underwood once on the hand. These are tough matches if you happen to be batting for England.

When Knott and Underwood had put on 36 in as many minutes Walker replaced Thomson and had Underwood caught at the wicket. Willis was rather overheated. After a swish, a bang and a flat-batted drive he skied Thomson, now bowling in Lillee's place, into the covers, where Walters held a difficult catch, running away from the wicket and judging it perfectly. Thomson, when he bowled Knott, had taken 20 wickets in England's five innings of the series. In theory England still have seven innings to come, which puts Thomson in the running for a record. The most wickets ever taken by an Australian in a series against England is 36, by Mailey in 1920-21.

Thomson was back at full speed today, after slightly stretching a hamstring yesterday evening. He is becoming more accurate with each match, and no slower. Like Lillee, he gives little away, his bouncer being too fast to hook and his wide one too wide to punish, unless you have Greig's telescopic reach. There are no signs at the moment of England finding an answer to the alliance of Thomson and Lillee.

The half-hour for which Australia batted before lunch was long enough for Hendrick to put himself out of the match, in all probability, and for England's opening attack, even before that, to look a watery affair compared with Australia's: nothing like as fast or as hostile or as hazardous to play. This afternoon Underwood was on at once, in Hendrick's place bowling the eighth over of the innings. When Greig replaced Willis, at medium pace, he had Edwards out, morally that is, half a dozen times. Greig bowled well today.

By the time the afternoon drinks were taken it was fast clouding over and windy enough for the umpires to be holding on to those hats. Titmus had three overs afterwards, all maidens. With his third ball he thought he had Redpath leg-before, sweeping. It would probably have been out in every other country, except Ceylon, where, as in Australia, it is possible to sweep with impunity, so long as you get your pads in the way. Titmus was so discomposed by this that, later in the same over, he gave Edwards a warning for all to see not to leave his ground when backing up, before the ball is bowled. Titmus made to take the bails off with Edwards more than a yard down the pitch. Ten minutes later Redpath and Edwards opted to come off.

ENGLAND: First innings

D. L. Amiss, c Walters, b Lillee	4
D. Lloyd, c Mallett, b Thomson	14
M. C. Cowdrey, l-b-w, b Thomson	35
J. H. Edrich, c Marsh, b Mallett	49
*M. H. Denness, c Marsh, b Mallett	8
A. W. Greig, run out	28
†A. P. E. Knott, b Thomson	52
F. J. Titmus, c Mallett, b Lillee	10
D. L. Underwood, c Marsh, b Walker	9
R. G. D. Willis, c Walters, b Thomson	13
M. Hendrick, not out	8
Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 9)	12
Total	242

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—4, 2—34, 3—110, 4—110, 5—141, 6—157, 7—176, 8—213, 9—232.

BOWLING: Lillee, 20—2—70—2; Thomson, 22.4—4—72—4; Walker, 24—10—36—1; Walters, 7—2—15—0; Mallett, 15—3—37—2.

AUSTRALIA: First innings

I. R. Redpath, not out	34
W. J. Edwards, not out	28
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (0 wkt)	63

To bat: *I. M. Chappell, G. S. Chappell, R. Edwards, K. D. Walters, †R. W. Marsh, M. H. N. Walker, D. K. Lillee, A. A. Mallett, J. R. Thomson.

BOWLING (to date): Willis, 8—2—19—0; Hendrick, 2.6—1—8—0; Underwood, 7—1—21—0; Greig, 6—1—13—0; Titmus, 4—3—1—0.

Umpires: R. Bailhache and T. Brooks.

Football

A stirring of mighty tradition

By Norman Fox

While the now glazy-eyed observers of the ever changing English football scene have been looking towards Liverpool, Manchester and Ipswich, the league championship has formed another attacking front in the north-east where Middlesbrough have taken a running leap over several contenders to become joint leaders. Any stirring in that area of mighty tradition has to be taken seriously, especially as Newcastle United seem none the worse for a humiliating cup defeat by Chester and lie only three points behind Middlesbrough. And the voice of the north-east is echoed in the second division where Sunderland surely stand ready to be launched into higher ranks at the end of this season.

The great football centres of the north are in collision today: Everton and Middlesbrough meeting at Goodison Park and Newcastle United facing Liverpool at St James's Park. These would be resounding occasions at any time but today assume special qualities at a time when a mistake or a moment's good fortune can lift or drop a team by as many as seven rungs.

Liverpool are still the favourites, according to the bookmakers, and for all the criticism of their waning powers, they made short work of Manchester City on Boxing Day and their experience is an incalculable asset. A win against the roar of the Tyneside crowd would give them the confidence to face the new year with high hope.

Now that Thompson is back to add more ideas to the back and middle order of the team, Liverpool may well be able to retain the present formation for a period of rebuilding to past standards. The devoted but recently undistinguished play of Smith is not required and Neal keeps his place in today's team. Newcastle, after impressive wins over Leeds United and Carlisle United, find their former colleague, McDermott, in the opposition's camp, if only as substitute, but will be more concerned about the assimilation of their newcomers, Nulty and Craig, and the fitness of Barrowclough, Tudor and Nattrass, who are all in doubt.

Meanwhile, Merseyside will be awaiting Middlesbrough with surprised interest. Encouraged by their sudden arrival as championship challengers, Middlesbrough should be in a mood to forget defensiveness and at the same time force Everton to prove that Goodison would be a worthy home for champions. Recent performances have tended to make one hope that no team as bankrupt of forward thinking as this Everton side could possibly champion the English game in Europe next season.

Possibly defeats by Carlisle and Wolverhampton Wanderers will have persuaded Everton to adopt more positive football. Today they play without Seargeant in defence, his position being taken by McLaughlin, who was chosen from seven forwards. Billy Bingham, their manager, will also have on his mind the fact that Middlesbrough have taken nine out of 10 points and scored 11 goals with only one against so far this month.

A staggering defeat by Luton Town must have reminded the Ipswich Town manager, Bobby Robson, of the bad old days at Portman Road when the loudest noise was the chant "Robson out". Now Ipswich are too resilient and physically fit to change overnight from being potential champions to easy prey for the relegation threatened clubs.

If they can beat Birmingham City at St Andrew's today they can even return to the top of the table, but Mr Robson is concerned about his striker, Johnson, who has a groin strain, and Beattie, troubled with an ankle injury. Two players without first division experience are the chosen understudies, Austin, a 20-year-old forward signed on a free transfer from Crystal Palace, and Roberts, only 17. Austin was spending Christmas at home in Hounslow when he was told to be ready for duty. He has scored 12 goals in 17 reserve matches—a hopeful sign for Ipswich who sometimes give the impression of disliking to violate the opposition's goal.

West Ham's thoughts of keeping London's trembling pride seems endangered by a visit to Stoke City without Robson, Bonds and Brooking. But Stoke have lost three games in a row and also have to make several changes because Robertson has a broken leg. A win by Stoke could place Manchester City in the middle order because Derby County will give them a difficult game at Maine Road. Oakes returns to the City team to make his 509th appearance, beating Bert Trautman's record.

As any regular viewer of televised football will know, there is nothing remarkable about "miraculous" mid-match recoveries, but that ebullient character, Bowles, of Queen's Park Rangers, made one off the field this week. On Christmas Day he was in hospital with suspected appendicitis; within 48 hours he was home again after being told he had an upset stomach, and today he may play against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

Perhaps Luton Town, having beaten Derby and Ipswich in the holiday period, will be able to keep the Wolves from their door today and stay alive after all. That would

Roy McFarland, the Derby County and England central defender, has been told that he is unlikely to play again this season. He damaged his Achilles tendon during the match between England and Northern Ireland in May and has played only two junior matches since then. He is now having trouble with the tendon of his other ankle.

Hockey

Exciting climax to a novel occasion

By Sydney Friskin

Wales 3 England 4

The craze for novelty took a crowd of about 1,000 last night to the National Sports Centre at Cardiff where England defeated Wales in the first indoor international hockey match played in Britain. It was not the first indoor international meeting between the two countries, however, as England had beaten Wales 7—1 in the 1973 European championship in Paris.

There could hardly have been a more exciting finish to this exceptional occasion. The score stood at three-all with barely a minute and a half to go, when Barrett coolly converted a short corner to win the game for England.

It was a victory well deserved, for although Wales, inspired by Wilson, their captain, fought gallantly until the end, England's attack was more imaginative and their short corner drill more precise. It was difficult to single out the most outstanding player in a side moving at an astonishing pace. All 12 players made valuable contributions to success, only six being permitted in the playing area at one time.

By the end of an absorbing first half England had led 2—1 although the tally of short corners was 6 to 4 in favour of Wales. The first of these awards earned in the third minute was beautifully converted by Ralph Thomas. But barely two minutes later England equalized from a similar award. Hazell's hand-stop was faultless and Barrett scooped the ball stylishly into the net.

After 13 minutes of stylish dribbling and quick interchanging England took the lead from open play. The advantage rule very well applied after Freitag had been obstructed, enabled him to recover his composure and score a well taken goal.

Both sides changed their goalkeepers for the second half at the start of which England's reflexes seemed a little faster. Within three minutes Woodbridge spurted down the right flank and split the Welsh defence with a perfect pass across the circle. Hazell was on it in a flash and with a stylish flick of the wrist put the ball in the net.

Marsh put Wales back in the game by scoring from a short corner after Barker had saved from Thomas, and the game entered its most exciting phase, with shots at both ends going perilously near the mark. Angear at this stage was the most dangerous of the Welsh forwards and was unlucky to miss the mark on one occasion. With less than four minutes to go Wilson scored from a short corner to level the scores, but just as Welsh throats were being cleared for another rousing cheer, Barrett settled the issue in favour of England.

WALES: N. Lloyd (Reading, goalkeeper), M. Cornish (Cardiff, goalkeeper), P. J. Wilson (Welsh Dragons, capt), C. Angear (Blackheath), M. Brough (Swansea), A. J. Davies (Old Kingstonians), C. Foulkes (High Town), R. McCoombe (RAF Sealand), P. Marsh (Harborne), I. Towler (Westcliff), R. Thomas (Bromley), R. Wildblood (Cardiff).

ENGLAND: R. D. Dakin (Tulse Hill, goalkeeper), R. L. Barker (Old Kingstonians, goalkeeper), J. H. Thorne (Dulwich, capt), P. C. Freitag (Old Cranleighans), B. N. F. Mills (Beckenham), I. A. Thomson (Hounslow), D. B. Whitaker (Blueharts), M. Woodbridge (Teddington), I. S. Barrett (Hounslow), P. I. White (Southgate), G. B. Nurse (Tulse Hill), P. Hazell (Spencer).

Umpires: A. Carter (Wales); R. P. Goulds (England).

The outdoor scene this weekend seems to be dominated by the south group final of the county championship tomorrow between Kent and Hampshire at Plaistow Road, Bromley, starting at 1.30. The winners will meet the Royal Air Force in the quarter-final round of the championship proper, the draw for which is:

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND (January 19): Kent or Hampshire v RAF; Cheshire or Lancashire v Devon.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND (February 9): Kent or Hampshire or RAF v Staffordshire or Worcestershire; Hertfordshire v Lancashire or Cheshire or Devon.

FINAL ROUND: March 2.

Yachting

American ketch leads after fortunes change

Sydney, Dec 27.—The 79ft American ketch Ondine III late tonight had opened a six-mile lead over the Sydney yacht Ballyhoo in the Sydney to Hobart race. Ondine III's lead for line honours in the annual event came after a day of changing fortunes.

Five miles behind Ballyhoo was Apollo III, followed by Bumblebee III, Apollo I, Buccaneer, of New Zealand, Mercedes IV, Fantasy Rag, Patrice III and Love and War. In the handicap positions, the Admiral's Cup contender Bumblebee III led from Apollo III, Mercedes IV and Warri. Bumblebee III is owned by John Kahlbetzer and sailed by Michael Fletcher. Both men are from Sydney.

The 690-mile race began on Boxing Day and is expected to finish any time between late on Sunday and next Tuesday, depending on whether the present light conditions continue to prevail.

The cement-hulled Helsal, last year's winner in the record time of 3day 13hr 32min 9sec, was well back in fifteenth position with little chance of victory. The leaders after more than 24 hours were only 110 miles from the start because of the light conditions.—Reuter.

Two bright patches do not make for sunny outlook

Calcutta, Dec 27.—The West Indies, already two up in the five-match series against India, held the initiative after the opening day of the third Test here today. They captured India's first three wickets for 32 runs and only good middle order batting enabled India to achieve a moderate total of 233. In 15 minutes' batting before the close of play, West Indies made 14 for no wicket.

The bright patches in India's first innings were two face-saving stands involving Viswanath, who made a chanceless 52 in 199 minutes. He put on 62 runs for the fourth wicket with Gaekwad, who was making his first Test appearance, and partnered Madan Lal to add 75 in 85 minutes for the fifth wicket. Gaekwad scored 36 and Madan Lal made 48.

With the Eden Garden pitch responding more to pace than spin, Roberts took five Indian wickets for 50 off only 19.3 overs. In contrast, the Indian medium-pace bowlers did not look impressive, so the West Indies seem assured of a lead that could give them a winning three-nil lead in the series.

India were dealt a heavy blow by the first ball of the match. The Indian captain, Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi, won the toss and sent in Naik and Engineer to open the innings in the absence, through injury, of Gavaskar. Immediately Roberts, working up a good pace and lifting the ball awkwardly, had Naik caught behind by Murray when the batsman edged the rising ball.

Sharma, the Rajasthan player who made his first Test appearance in the second Test at Delhi, did not last long. After opening confidently with a four through the slips off Roberts, a beautiful inswinger from Julien bowled him for six. Engineer went trying to slash one from Roberts which was well outside his off stump. He was held low at slip by Lloyd.

India were deep in trouble at 32 for three when Pataudi joined Viswanath, but he had to retire after facing only five balls when a ball, rising sharply from good length, hit him on the chin. That brought in Gaekwad to face some hostile bowling and close fielding that kept the scoring rate down. The first hour produced only 48 runs from 13 overs. A swept four to fine leg by Viswanath brought the first 50 of the innings in 70 minutes.

On the other side Gaekwad seemed to be relishing the bowling of Julien, hitting him for two fours in one over. He took nine off Julien's next over to catch up with his senior partner. The new player was out in the third over after lunch when he had made 36 with five fours in good style. He went forward to a well-pitched ball from Fredericks and was clearly surprised when the umpire gave him out, caught behind by Murray.

Madan Lal's innings was full of dangerous edges and hooks but he survived to score his 48 runs with 10 fours. His unorthodox innings ended when he was caught behind off Holder, who ended the day with two for 48. Madan Lal fell soon after Viswanath, and that brought back Pataudi with a plaster on his chin. He was the last recognized batsman of the team.

Viswanath, who shared two brave partnerships for India, and Roberts (right), whose pace brought him five wickets.

Test scorecard

INDIA: First innings

S. S. Naik, c Murray, b Roberts	0
F. M. Engineer, c Lloyd, b Roberts	24
P. Sharma, b Julien	6
G. R. Viswanath, l-b-w, b Gibbs	52
*M. A. K. Pataudi, b Roberts	36
A. D. Gaekwad, c Murray, b Fredericks	36
S. Madan Lal, c Murray, b Holder	48
K. Ghavri, b Holder	3
E. A. S. Prasanna, c Greenidge, b Roberts	17
B. S. Bedi, b Roberts	0
B. S. Chandrasekhar, not out	4
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 6)	7
Total	233

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—35, 3—32, 4—94, 5—169, 6—169, 7—180, 8—224, 9—224.

BOWLING: Roberts, 19.3—7—50—5; Julien, 13—1—57—1; Holder, 16—3—48—2; Fredericks, 9—4—24—1; Gibbs, 17—6—34—1; Willett, 5—5—13—0.

WEST INDIES: First innings

R. C. Fredericks, not out	11
C. G. Greenidge, not out	2
Extras (n-b 1)	1
Total	14

To bat: A. I. Kallicharran, I. V. A. Richards, *C. H. Lloyd, B. D. Julien, †D. L. Murray, V. A. Holder, L. R. Gibbs, E. T. Willett, A. M. E. Roberts.

BOWLING (to date): Ghavri, 3—0—7—0; Madan Lal, 2—1—6—0.—Reuter.

Tennis

Roche beats Dibley to confirm comeback

Melbourne, Dec 27.—Tony Roche, of Australia, today beat his fellow-countryman, Colin Dibley, to move closer to the Australian open tennis title here. Making a strong comeback, having recently won the New South Wales open, Roche played confidently to beat Dibley, 6—1, 6—3, 6—3 to reach the third round.

Rain washed out the second round matches of the other main contenders, the American Jimmy Connors and John Newcombe, of Australia, both of whom play West Germans. Connors, the defending champion, was to have played Uli Pinner. Newcombe meets Rold Gehring.

Evonne Goolagong and Margaret Court, the main challengers for the women's singles, both won second round matches. Miss Goolagong had little more than a warm-up against the young Australian player, Christine O'Neill, and won 6—1, 6—1. Mrs Court defeated Susan Mappin, of Britain, by 6—2, 7—5.

The biggest surprise in the men's event was the defeat of the four Japanese Davis Cup team members in early round matches. One of the first victims was the Davis Cup team captain and Japan's No 1 player, Toshiro Sakai.

An Australian junior, Peter McNamara, gained one of his best wins when defeating the Mexican Joaquin Loyo-Mayo, 3—6, 6—3, 6—2, 6—1 in the second round.

MEN'S SINGLES: M. Edmondson (Australia) beat T. Sakai (Japan), [illegible] Bowrey (Australia) beat S. Kato (Japan), 6—3, 6—0, 6—3; R. Crealy (Australia) beat J. Kuki (Japan), 7—5, 2—6, 7—5, 6—3. J. Singh (India) beat T. Dawson (Australia), 6—2, 7—6, 6—0; M. Robinson (GB) beat K. Hirai (Japan), 6—1, 5—7, 7—6, 7—6. A. Roche beat C. Dibley, 6—1, 6—3, 6—3; P. McNamara beat J. Loyo-Mayo (Mexico), 3—6, 6—3, 6—2, 6—1. J. Alexander (Australia) beat P. Doerner (Australia), 7—6, 7—5, 6—2, 6—1. P. Buest (France) walked over K. Johansson (Sweden), scratched; R. Ruffels (Australia) beat R. Case (Australia), 4—6, 6—3, 6—4, 6—2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Miss E. F. Goolagong beat Miss C. O'Neill, 6—1, 6—1; Mrs B. M. Court beat Miss S. Mappin (GB), 6—2, 7—5; Miss D. Fromholtz (Australia) beat Miss J. Wilton (Australia), 6—7, 6—3, 6—2; Miss S. Barker (Australia) beat Miss V. Lancaster (Australia), 6—1, 2—6, 6—0. Miss K. Sawamatsu (Japan) beat Miss M. Schallau (US), 6—2, 6—0; Mrs O. Morozova (USSR) beat Miss F. Thibault (France), 6—2, 6—0; Miss K. Nomura (Japan) beat Miss S. Irvine (Australia), 7—6, 3—6, 6—[illegible]; Miss N. Navratilova (USSR) beat Miss M. van Haver (Belgium), 6—3, 7—6; Miss L. Charles (GB) beat Miss N. Gurdn (Australia), 0—6, 6—4, 6—2.—Reuter.

PORT ELIZABETH: Eastern Province championships, semi-final round. Men's singles: R. Hewitt beat D. Schneider 7—5, 6—1; P. Cramer beat A. Neely, 6—3, 3—6, 6—1. Women's singles: A. Du Plooy beat Y. Vermaak 2—6, 6—0, 7—5; L. Boshoff beat B. Cuypers 7—6, 6—3.

Cricket

WELLINGTON: Plunket Shield: Northern Districts 192 and 172 for 2 (G. P. Howarth 71); Wellington 314 for 5 dec (J. F. M. Morrison 118, R. W. Smith 56).

NELSON: Plunket Shield: Auckland 258 and 257 for 5 (J. D. Riley 105); Central Districts 227 (G. Edwards 77).

CHRISTCHURCH: Plunket Shield: Canterbury 271 and 211 for 6 dec; Otago 158 and 7 for no wkt.

Skiing

Snow reports from European resorts

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off piste	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Conditions much improved			Good	Powder	Snow	—
Champery	0	110				
Some new wet snow			Fair	Varied	Snow	5
Crans	40	135				
Snowing from midday Friday			Fair	Varied	Snow	2
Davos	90	190				
Snow storm in progress			Good	Varied	Snow	0
Isola 2000	40	70				
Light powder on good base			Good	Powder	Fine	0
Flaine	105	250				
Skiing good, visibility poor			Good	Varied	Snow	5
Kitzbühel	80	220				
Conditions spoilt by föhn			Fair	Crust	Cloud	5
Klosters	90	130				
Wet snow on lower slopes			Good	Varied	Cloud	4
Mürren	80	230				
Improved skiing conditions			Icy	Heavy	Cloud	0
Niederau	55	110				
Runs varied and icy			Icy	Heavy	Cloud	5
Pontresina	30	100				
Snow now falling much needed			Fair	Crust	Snow	0
Seefeld	90	210				
Conditions spoilt by föhn			Fair	Crust	Föhn	4
Val d'Isere	120	220				
30cm snowfall in six hours			Good	Powder	Snow	0
Wengen	35	115				
Wet snow below 2,000 metres			Fair	Heavy	Rain	2

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

FRANCE	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
Alpe d'Huez	130	220	Good	—	—
Courchevel	125	130	Good	—	—
La Clusaz	40	230	Good	—	—
La Plagne	115	150	Good	—	—
Le Corbier	50	200	Good	—	—
Les Arcs	[illegible]	[illegible]	Good	—	—
Les Deux Alpes	75	250	Good	—	—
Les Menuires	70	210	Good	—	—
Megeve	30	170	Good	—	—
Meribel	50	175	Good	—	—
Montgenevre	25	45	Fair	—	—
Pra-Loup	[illegible]	60	Fair	—	—
St Gervais	70	100	Fair	—	—
Tignes	110	210	Good	—	—

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Main runs complete, others broken. New snow on a firm base. Lower slopes, no snow. Vertical runs: 800ft. Access roads: clear. Snow level: 2,500ft. Glenshee: Main runs: patchy cover of new snow. Lower slopes: limited nursery areas. Vertical runs: 500ft. Access roads clear. Snow level: 2,000ft. Glencoe: Main runs almost complete, wet snow. Lower slopes: patchy cover of wet snow. Vertical runs: 800ft. Access slopes: patchy cover of very wet snow. Vertical runs 1,000ft. Access roads: clear. Snow level 2,700ft.

Athletics

Foster's short cut leads to the hospital

Brendan Foster, Britain's double world record holder, is to have an operation on his back, the second in about two months, before he starts back on the road to top fitness in the new year. Foster confirmed yesterday that he had had a recurrence of an old problem because he had taken a short cut in his training programme to be fit for the international cross-country race he organized at Gateshead earlier this month.

"The consultant does not think the trouble is too bad, and I should be able to start gentle running soon after the operation", Foster said.

The 26-year-old European 5,000 metres champion said the trouble had only returned because he had not carried out the recommended suppleness exercises which should have preceded heavy training. He had thought that a long training run would make up for 15 minutes' exercises. Foster's back trouble underlines just some of the anxiety facing runners who have to put more and more into their sport to stay at the top.

Foster, holder of the world 3,000 metres and two miles records, has already abandoned plans for a season of indoor running in America in the new year, and will now race competitively only a couple of times before the summer season. He knows that he cannot afford to risk more serious trouble if he is to maintain the right build-up for the Olympic Games in Montreal in 1976.

Foster had back trouble last summer, but treatment put him right. He went into hospital seven weeks ago for an operation.

Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

First division

Birmingham v Ipswich ....
Burnley v Carlisle ....
Chelsea v QPR ....
Everton v Middlesbro ....
Leicester v Leeds ....
Luton v Wolves ....
Manchester C v Derby ....
Newcastle v Liverpool ....
Sheffield U v Arsenal ....
Stoke v West Ham ....
Tottenham v Coventry ....

Scottish first division

Clyde v Dumbarton ....
Dundee v Airdrie ....
Dunfermline v Partick ....
Hibernian v Aberdeen ....
Kilmarnock v Celtic ....
Morton v Arbroath ....
Motherwell v Dundee U ....
Rangers v Ayr ....
St Johnstone v Hearts ....

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bath v Burton; Cambridge City v Barnet; Dartford v Grantham; Dover v Atherstone; Guildford/Dorking v Chelmsford; Nuneaton v Maidstone; Romford v Wimbledon; Stourbridge v Weymouth; Tonbridge v Kettering Town; Yeovil v Telford United. First Division—North: AP Leamington v Stevenage; Banbury v Barry; Bromsgrove v Merthyr Tydfil; Bury Town v Bedford; Dunstable v Bedworth; Gloucester v Worcester; Kidderminster v Enderby; Redditch v Corby; Tamworth v King's Lynn; Wellingborough v Cheltenham; Witney Town v Milton Keynes. South: Andover v Canterbury; Ashford v Crawley; Bexley United v Metropolitan Police; Bideford v Hastings; Dorchester v Basingstoke; Hillingdon v Folkestone/Shepway; Minehead v Bognor Regis; Poole v Trowbridge; Ramsgate v Salisbury; Waterlooville v Gravesend.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Barrow v Altrincham v Wigan Athletic; Buxton v Northwich Victoria; Gateshead United; Gainsborough v Mossley; Great Harwood v Morecambe; Lancaster v Bangor City; Macclesfield v Stafford Rangers; Netherfield v Goole Town; Runcorn v Boston United; Scarborough v Fleetwood; Skelmersdale v Matlock; Worksop v South Liverpool.

Second division

Bolton v Fulham ....
Bristol R v Bristol C ....
Cardiff v Aston Villa ....
Millwall v Portsmouth ....
Norwich v Oxford Utd ....
Nottm Forest v Notts Co ....
Oldham v Manchester U ....
Orient v Sunderland ....
Southampton v Sheffield W ....
West Brom v Blackpool ....
York City v Hull City ....

Scottish second division

Albion v Alloa ....
Brechin v Berwick (2.0) ....
Clydebank v Queen of S ....
E Stirling v Montrose ....
Forfar v East Fife ....
Queen's Park v Falkirk ....
Raith v Cowdenbeath ....
Stirling A v St Mirren ....
Stenhsmuir v Hamilton ....
Meadowbank v Stranraer (2.0) ....

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division. Barking v Bishop's Stortford; Bromley v Hitchin Town; Dulwich Hamlet v Enfield; Hayes v Leatherhead; Hendon v Clapton; Ilford v Leytonstone; Oxford City v Kingstonian; Slough Town v Tooting and Mitcham United; Walton and Hersham v Walthamstow Avenue; Woking v Dagenham; Wycombe Wanderers v Sutton United. Second division: Carshalton Athletic v Finchley; Chesham United v St Albans City; Corinthian-Casuals v Hertford Town; Croydon v Harlow Town; Hampton v Boreham Wood; Horsham v Tilbury; Maidenhead United v Harwick and Parkeston; Staines Town v Southall; Wokingham Town v Aveley.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division. Grays Athletic v Hounslow; Leyton v Letchworth; Marlow v Alton; Rainham v Ruislip Manor. Second division: Addlestone v Epping; Faversham v Egham; Hemel Hempstead v Aylesbury (2.15); Windsor and Eton v Eastbourne Town (2.15). League Cup: Third round: Eastbourne United v Redhill; Edgware v Cheshunt (2.0); Erith and Belvedere v Molesey; Harrow Borough v Lewes; Uxbridge v Edmonton-Haringey (2.0); Ware v Wingate; Wembley v Hornchurch; Willesden v Feltham (2.0).

Third division

Brighton v Aldershot ....
Colchester v Peterboro ....
Gillingham v Crystal Palace ....
Grimsby v Walsall ....
Halifax v Plymouth ....
Hereford v Bury ....
Huddersfield v Blackburn ....
Preston v Chesterfield ....
Southend v Port Vale ....
Swindon v Bournemouth ....
Tranmere v Watford ....
Wrexham v Charlton ....

Fourth division

Barnsley v Rotherham (3.15) ....
Bradford City v Rochdale ....
Brentford v Exeter ....
Darlington v Chester ....
Doncaster v Southport ....
Hartlepool v Northampton ....
Lincoln v Scunthorpe ....
Mansfield v Newport ....
Reading v Stockport ....
Shrewsbury v Cambridge Utd ....
Torquay v Swansea (7.30) ....
Workington v Crewe ....

Rugby Union

Club matches

Abertillery v Maesteg
Barnstaple v Paignton
Bedford v Rosslyn Park (2.30)
Blackheath v Nottingham (2.30)
Bradford v St Helens
Broughton Park v Sale
Camborne v Penryn
Cardiff v Ebbw Vale
Esher v Nuneaton
Falmouth v Redruth
Gloucester v Bridgend
Headingley v Leicester
Heriot's FP v Royal HSFP
Jedforest v Melrose
Langholm v Hawick
Liverpool v Birkenhead Park (2.30)
Llanelli v Bristol (3.15)
Moseley v Birmingham
Neath v Newbridge (3.15)
Plymouth Alb v Exeter (2.45)
Pontypool v Aberavon
Pontypridd v Glamorgan Wdrs (2.30)
Roundhay v Harrogate (2.30)
Rugby v Fylde (2.30)
St Ives v Penzance and N
Stroud v St Mary's Hospital
Torquay Ath v Somerset Police (2.30)
Tredegar v Penarth
Wasps v South Wales Police (2.30)
Waterloo v New Brighton (2.30)
West of Scotland v London Scottish

Knockout Cup

Northampton v Gosforth (2.0)
Streatham C v Richmond (3.30)

Rugby League

First division

York v Bramley (2.15)

Cross-country

High Wycombe races (at High Wycombe): Epsom and Ewell v Ranelagh Harriers (at Epsom).

Hockey

LONDON LEAGUE: Guildford v Hounslow, Hawks v Surbiton, Mid-Surrey v Beckenham, Reading v Southgate, Teddington v Slough.

EAST LEAGUE: Ipswich v Chelmsford, Ipswich YMCA v Norfolk Wanderers, Letchworth v Bedfordshire Eagles, Norwich Grasshoppers v Bishop's Stortford, Welwyn Garden City v Peterborough.

ESSEX LEAGUE: West Essex v Old Southendians.

OTHER MATCHES: Amersham v Stevenage, Ashford v Cliftonville, Aylesbury v Henley, Barnet v Hendon, Belvedere v Croydon MO, Bexleyheath v Orpington, Bluoharts v Harlow, Bournemouth v Marlborough, Bromley v Tunbridge Wells, Burnt Ash v Westcliff, Canterbury v Folkestone Optimists, City of Oxford v West Herts, Colchester v Braintree, Crostyx II v Harpenden, Dulwich v Polytechnic, Eastbourne v Maidston, Enfield v Crostyx, Fleet v Wallingford, Gerrards Cross v Berkhamsted, Gore Court v Brentwood, Hampstead v Old Cranleighans, Harrow v Camberley, High Wycombe v Eastcote, Ilford v Gravesend, Leicester v Cambridge City, Lewes v Worthing, Lloyds Bank v Beckenham, Midland Bank v Barnes, National Westminster Bank v NPL, Old Loughtonians v Broxbourne, Oxford Hawks v Evesham, Purley v Cheam, Reigate A v Hayes, Royston v Cambridgeshire Nomads, Sevenoaks v Woking, Tulse Hill v Old Kingstonians, Upminster v Old Anchorians, Uxbridge v Rickmansworth and [illegible], Wimbledon v Barclays Bank.

WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL TOURNAMENTS: North (at St Annes-on-Sea), South (at Worthing), West (at Weston-super-Mare).

Tomorrow

Rugby League

First division

Bradford Northern v Keighley (2.30)
Halifax v Dewsbury (3.0)
Salford v St Helens

Second division

Batley v Huddersfield (2.30)
Blackpool B v Doncaster (2.30)
Huyton v Oldham (2.30)
Leigh v Barrow (3.30)
New Hunslet v Swinton (3.30)

Hockey

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: South: Final: Kent v Hampshire (at Bromley, 1.30).

WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL TOURNAMENTS: North (at St Annes-on-Sea), South (at Worthing), West (at Weston-super-Mare).

Squash rackets

West Wycombe open tournament (at West Wycombe SRC). British Junior championships (at Brandon Hall SC, Coventry).

Television highlights

BBC 1
Football: Focus (12.25)
Racing: Newbury races at 1.0, 1.35, 2.5, 2.35
Boxing: Lord Shinwell interview (1.10)
Cricket: Third Test match (1.45)
Motor Racing: Brands Hatch meeting (2.15, 2.45)
Rugby League: York v Bramley (3.0)
Golf: Jacklin v Oosterhuis (3.50)
Football: Match of the Day (10.20)

BBC 2
Rugby Union: Cardiff v Ebbw Vale (6.45).

BBC 1—tomorrow
Motor Racing: Review of 1974

IBA
Football: Preview (12.35)
Racing: Newcastle races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30; Warwick races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45
Boxing: Muhammad Ali interview (3.10)
Wrestling: Preston promotion (4.0)

IBA—tomorrow
Football: Big Match (2.0)

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The Dikler should give Walwyn fourth Mandarin Steeplechase

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

It cannot be easy staging a good race meeting in the wake of Christmas, but Newbury have achieved that goal today. Their programme is built around the Mandarin Steeplechase, sponsored for the first time this year by the Metrostore group. Named after that lionhearted little steeplechaser of the late fifties and early sixties, the horse who won the King George VI Steeplechase twice in his heyday in addition to the Gold Cup at Cheltenham, the Hennessy Gold Cup and the French Grand National, today's race could provide Mandarin's trainer, Fulke Walwyn, with yet another success.

Walwyn has won it three times already, twice with that unforgettable character Mill House, and then again with Lord Jim. Now he relies upon The Dikler, who has won the Gold Cup, the King George VI Steeplechase and the Whitbread Gold Cup as well. The Dikler has a big weight to carry this afternoon, rather naturally, in view of his record. But he has the size and the strength to cope and he will be much more at home racing over the distance of this race, which is three and a quarter miles, than he was at Cheltenham earlier this month when he finished only fifth in the Massey-Ferguson Gold Cup, over only two and a half miles. Carrying a big weight then, he was beaten only 10 lengths.

The Dikler won his Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown Park in the spring on the disqualification of Proud Tarquin, who is one of his rivals again this afternoon. It was torch and go then, with Proud Tarquin passing the winning post a head in front of The Dikler, having hampered him slightly after jumping the last fence. The Dikler will be meeting Proud Tarquin on a pound worse terms this time, but at least he has the advantage of having had a race this season, whereas Proud Tarquin has not, and that could well be decisive. Cuckolder, who finished fifth in the Whitbread, is also in the field this afternoon. He finished second in this race last year carrying 10 st 1 lb. Now he has 9 lb more on his back. Cuckolder beat The Dikler by six lengths at Doncaster last January, when he won the Great Yorkshire Steeplechase, but he is meeting my selection on 9 lb worse terms.

After winning at Sandown, Cuckolder has run moderately on two occasions. Moonlight Escapade has also run badly since he finished third in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, run over this course and distance in November. On that occasion he finished in front of The Dikler, but that was The Dikler's first race this season, and I not only hope but expect to see the big horse do better this time. Plas Iolyn and Prairie Dog are the only other runners. Prairie Dog is a stable companion of The Dikler and definitely the second string. Plas Iolyn was better known in the West Country, where he won three races last season. He has never given me the impression that he is capable of winning a race of this nature.

If The Dikler does win it could easily be the third of three winners [illegible] Brantridge Farmer and hopes to win the Panama Cigar Hurdle (qualifier) with Sunyboy. Brantridge Farmer jumped impeccably when he ran away with a similar race at Chepstow eight days ago. Sunyboy has a harder task. He must give weight to Flintstone, Nougat, Miss Poker Face and Pierino, all of whom boast useful form. But I still think that a horse of Sunyboy's class—he did after all win the Newbury Autumn Cup as a three-year-old and he has won two of his three races under National Hunt rules—ought to be capable of carrying on the good work.

Don't Hesitate and John Francome take the last hurdle.

The Sovereign Handicap Hurdle is another race that has been sponsored at Newbury today, and on the face of it looks a real teaser. But I hope that Birds Nest will provide the answer. There was a lot to like about the way that Birds Nest ran at Cheltenham earlier this month when he finished second to Perambulate, beaten only a length and a half in what was his first and only race this season.

He was one of the better recruits to hurdling last season. Fighting Taffy and Ronson Avenue, second and fifth respectively in the Benson and Hedges Handicap Hurdle at Sandown in November, and True Song could form the hard core of his opposition. Shock Result, a stable companion of Birds Nest, is likely to win the Newbury Old Year Steeplechase, a race that their trainer, Bob Turnell, also won last year. Shock Result won a similar race run over this course and distance in November. Denys Adventure is not at all easy to train these days, and Into View also has his problems. The last race, the Challow Hurdle, may be won by Zip Fastener, provided that he can cope with Montreal Boy and Mr Mouse.

After more rain, the going was much more testing at Kempton Park yesterday than it was on Boxing [illegible] This was most noticeable. Ceol-na-Mara, Well Oiled and Right Lad, were three exceptions, and they won the three steeplechases. Ridden by Stephen Jobar Ceol-na-Mara led from pillar to post in the Berni Inns Steeplechase (qualifier), to give his trainer, Stan Mellor, some small consolation for the loss of his promising young hurdler, Bell Bryn, who had to be put down on the previous evening when it was discovered that he had broken a shoulder after falling at Kempton.

Jumping like a buck, Ceol-na-Mara gave Jobar a good ride. Jobar is Jeremy Glover's understudy in Mellor's stable at Lambourn and right well did he ride Ceol-na-Mara in the absence of the stable's number one jockey, who was on duty at Wolverhampton. In the process he earned the praise of Mellor, the only man to have ridden more than 1,000 winners under National Hunt rules in this country. The owners of Ceol-na-Mara have every right to regard December 27 as their lucky day. It was on the same day last year that their horse won a hurdle race for them at Kempton. Jobar and Mellor hoped to win the Kenton Handicap Steeplechase as well with No Scotch, but this former point-to-pointer made a crude mistake jumping a mile from home, and unseated his young rider.

Right Lad had been jumping boldly and merrily in the lead from the outset, a role that both he and his rider, Bob Champion, were obviously content to continue. At no stage did this young horse look in any danger of being defeated. I gathered afterwards from his trainer, Miss Aureol Sinclair, that Right Lad is now earmarked for the Stones Ginger Wine Steeplechase, run at Sandown on February 1.

STATE OF GOING (official): Newbury: [illegible] Heavy.

Stag Party is weighted to beat Tee-Cee-Bee

By Jim Snow

Just how severely limited is the supply of horses who can truly stay three miles and jump 20 fences is shown by the size of the fields for Wetherby's £4,000 Rowland Meyrick Handicap Steeplechase on Thursday and for today's £1,500 Northumbria Handicap Steeplechase at Newcastle.

In Wetherby's big race, won by Glen Owen, bought in Ireland as a four-year-old three years ago by Neville Crump for Lord Cadogan, there were six runners, and this afternoon only five will start for the Northumbria Steeplechase, carrying a handsome prize. But both races are over three miles, both are on northern race courses, and they come within 48 hours of each other. There are not enough good staying steeplechasers to provide fields of eight up to 12 or more, offering the chance to bet each-way when they take place over the holiday period, and are on courses not far apart.

Every National Hunt programme must include a three mile race over fences, and it might be fruitful and rewarding, and certainly more attractive to the public, if Newcastle and Wetherby at these Christmas meetings were to discuss things and work out a policy which would benefit all. The Rowland Meyrick Steeplechase is longer established than Newcastle's Northumbria Steeplechase. Perhaps it would be better for both courses if Newcastle reduced the value of the three-mile Northumbria Steeplechase and took £1,000 of it to put to a two-mile handicap steeplechase. The result of such an agreement on these lines might mean larger fields for both courses, and there would certainly be a dozen runners for a £1,500 two-mile handicap steeplechase at Newcastle.

For the Northumbria Steeplechase this afternoon, the question might hover over the ability or otherwise of the grey Tee-Cee-Bee to give 22 lb to Jumbo Wilkinson's Stag Party. In Ascot's SGB Steeplechase on December 14 Tee-Cee-Bee finished a good fourth to Rough House, but he gave a different performance earlier at Newbury when he showed little ceremony or attention to the starter and swerved violently to his right when the field was coming into line. He shot Bob Davies out of the saddle and took no part. If the race today had been at Ayr, where Tee-Cee-Bee has a great record, he probably would have been my choice, but at the weights Stag Party, a winner over three miles at Teesside Park, might be the sounder selection.

Irish Favour, second in the 1973 SKF Cesarewich and third and first in his two races over hurdles this season in the colours of Newcastle's chairman, Colonel R. Taylor, may be too good for Dansan in the first division of the Partridge Novices' Hurdle (12.30). However, Ken Oliver who trains Dansan is likely to win the second division (3.0) with Basil Thyme. The six-year-old running for only the fourth time in three seasons, won by a neck at Ayr early in December. He slipped out in the market from 7-1 to 11-1 and he is probably improving.

Old Vince, disqualified for bumping at the same Ayr meeting after finishing first to The Gent, is well in the £2,000 Ladbroke Billy Bow Handicap Hurdle with 10 st. In this race, named after Ken Oliver's top-class handicapper, who won the equivalent race at Newcastle in 1968 and collapsed and died just after he had passed the post. Charlie Hall's good filly Super Nova and Stay-Bell are noted as the dangers to Old Vince.

French Wood stays on too strongly for Shinto

The Benign Bishop put up a fine weight-carrying performance in the mud when giving 35lb to Fanatic in the Towton Handicap Steeplechase at Wetherby yesterday. The seven-year-old, ridden by Stuart Oliver, tracked the course specialist, Blonde Viking, in the early stages and then went on from Fanatic with four fences to jump.

Ken Oliver, saddling his eighteenth winner of the season, said: "The going was all against The Benign Bishop. He hates the soft and will now either go for the Belston Handicap Chase at Ayr next week, or line up for the Great Lancashire Handicap Chase at Haydock on January 4. Stuart Oliver, registering his nineteenth win as an amateur, was having his first ride this season.

Neville Crump, who completed a double here on Boxing Day, scored with a 10-1 chance, French Wood, in the Knaresborough Handicap Hurdle. Paddy Broderick took his mount into the lead approaching the third flight from home and, although Shinto finished strongly [illegible] lengths to spare at the post.

Barberry provided a surprise in the first division of the Christmas Juvenile Novices' Hurdle when holding on by a head from the odds-on Mine a Million. Barberry, powerfully ridden by Paul Bloomfield, carried 2lb overweight and strode into the lead on the run-in to give Mrs Betty Martin from Peterborough her first success as an owner.

David Goulding came in for a lucky chance ride on Clicquot Signal, who won the Boroughbridge Novices' Steeplechase. J. James, the gelding's usual partner, was down to ride at Market Rasen and at the last minute David Goulding was booked. Goulding shook his mount up on the run-in to win by half a length from Kelton Lad to provide Jumbo Wilkinson, the trainer, with his twelfth success of the season.

The two-day meeting attracted good crowds. Six thousand racegoers clicked through the turnstiles on Boxing Day, and 5,000 turned up yesterday—1,000 up on the same day last year.

[illegible] Mont Felard and King Frog.

Comedy of Errors has only a marginal lead over Lanzarote at the last flight.

Comedy of Errors takes 2-1 lead

From an Irish Racing Correspondent
Dublin, Dec 27

Comedy of Errors became the first horse to win two runnings of the Irish Sweeps Hurdle when at Leopardstown yesterday he got the better of an exciting duel with his old rival, Lanzarote, to win by a length. This was very much a two-horse race and the nearest member of the pursuing pack was the 50-1 English-trained runner Mr Straight, who was six lengths behind in third place. The best of the Irish was Ribosaint. This brother to the Oaks winner, Long Look, was another five lengths back, just ahead of Patent Slipper.

Lanzarote's stable companion, Calzado, was first into his stride and led early on, but his spell of steeplechasing appears to have blunted his speed and he never set the sort of headstrong gallop that one expected. With three-quarters of a mile to travel, Lanzarote took command, but Ken White riding Comedy of Errors was taking no chances of the leader slipping the field and he was in close touch over the third last flight. At this point Mr Straight was lying second, but soon afterwards he started to lose ground, and as they headed for home Lanzarote on the rails had a length to spare over the improving Comedy of Errors.

Lanzarote was the first to come under pressure and reaching the final flight it was clear that Comedy of Errors was going that much easier. He was not too clever here and Lanzarote was quicker away from the flight, but on the long run-in Comedy of Errors stride by stride cut into Lanzarote's lead and, taking up the running 200 yards from home, won somewhat comfortably from his hard-pressed opponent.

This was their third encounter and the second time that Comedy of Errors has proved the better of the pair. All is now set for the fourth meeting in the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham in March and two leading firms of London bookmakers were divided in their opinions as to what will be the outcome. William Hill make Comedy of Errors favourite at 5-4 with Lanzarote a 6-4 chance, but Ladbrokes reversed the two horses and leave Lanzarote as their favourite.

My own view is that on anything other than heavy ground Comedy of Errors has every chance of regaining the title which he lost to Lanzarote nine months ago.

Future plans for the two hurdlers are not absolutely definite, but the provisional arrangement is that Comedy of Errors will reappear in the Wolverhampton Champion Hurdle Trial on February 10 and that Lanzarote will be reserved for the Ladbroke Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton the same month.

Yesterday's success marked Fred Rimell's third victory in the Irish Sweeps Hurdle, but it has been a far from happy Christmas for his arch rival, Fred Winter, who on Boxing Day had seen his top steeplechaser, Pendil, beaten by Captain Christy in the King George VI Steeplechase at Kempton Park, and now was on hand to see Lanzarote's claim to be rated Europe's top hurdler further tarnished.

2.5 (2.10) IRISH SWEEPS HURDLE (£12,500: 2m)
Comedy of Errors, br h, by Goldhill—Comedy Actress (E. I. Wheatley), 7-12-0 K. B. White (11-10 fav) 1
Lanzarote, br g, by Milesian—Slap (Ld H. de Walden), 6-12-0 R. Pitman (6-4) 2
Mr Straight, b g, by Straight Lad—Miss Universe (Miss J. A. Millar), 6-11-6 N. Wakley (50-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Bumble Boy, 18-1 Patent Slipper, 30-1 Ribosaint (4th), 66-1 Calzado, Gleaming Silver. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 38p; places, 23p, [illegible] [illegible]. F. Rimell, at Kinnersley. 1l, 6l. Flashy Boy, Captain Christy and Yenisei did not run.

Berry to pit Duffle Coat against top-class opposition

The Wills Premier Steeplechase final at Haydock Park next month and then one of Cheltenham's top novice events in March are the ambitious targets for Duffle Coat, who pipped Brown Admiral by a neck for the Astbury Trophy at Wolverhampton yesterday.

"Duffle Coat is not only the best horse I have trained, but I think he is the best in the country. The fences here are only toys for bigger jumps and a tougher course", the trainer, Jack Berry, said.

Duffle Coat, who will be a first National Hunt Festival runner for Berry, was gaining his fifth win from seven starts and the trainer is emphatic that his horse should have won all seven.

Duffle Coat and his market rival, Brown Admiral, who is also highly rated by Fred Rimell, matched strides over the last six fences, with the winner always just holding the upper hand in the straight. Berry is undecided which race to go for at Cheltenham. "He has the speed to win at two miles and the stamina for three", he said.

After eight weeks out of luck, Lord Oaksey came in for a chance ride on The Leap in the Stafford Handicap Steeplechase, due to the injury of Sean Parkyn at Wincanton. Lord Oaksey made the most of his opportunity, poaching a winning advantage a mile from home and beating the top weight, Spanish Steps, by six lengths.

Newbury programme

[Television (BBC 1): 1.0, 1.35, 2.5, 2.35 races]

12.30 WANTAGE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £819: 2m 160yds)

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[illegible] 01-4031 Brantridge Farmer (Mrs Hatcher), F. Walwyn, 6-11-11 W. Smith
[illegible]       0 Artogan (D. Steward), Thomson Jones, 6-11-4 .... D. Mould
[illegible]     000 Blarney Time (D. Scott), Scott, 6-11-4 ........ Mr Scott
[illegible] 0200-04 Frango (Mrs Nutting), N. Nutting, 7-11-4 ....... K. Horobin
112        0-04 Sir Barrymores (S. Bowles), F. Walwyn, 6-11-4 .. A. Branford
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1-2 Brantridge Farmer, 100-30 Sir Barrymores, 5-1 Artogan, 12-1 Frango, 50-1 Blarney Time.

1.0 PANAMA CIGAR HURDLE (4-y-o: £1,035: 2m)

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201     211 Sunyboy (D) (Queen Mother), F. Walwyn, 11-10 .. W. Smith
203  131422 Flintstone (D) (Mrs Meats), D. Barons, 11-7 ...... V. Soane
205   320-1 Nougat (CD), (M. Vickers), G. Balding, 11-5 ...... J. Fox 5
204         British Smelter (Miss Anthony), G. Kindersley, 11-0
                                                         W. Shoemark
205      04 Cash Bonanza (M. Buckley), P. Bailey, 11-0 ....... J. King
206       f Current Magic (R. Ashman), M. Tate, 11-0 .... R. R. Evans
207      0- Decision (Exors of R. Graham), D. Marks, 11-0 .. D. Mould
208       0 De Musset (G. Bourne), C. Davies, 11-0 ...... M. Salaman
214 30-4432 Miss Poker Face (Ld Norrie), R. Turnell, 11-0 S. Knight 5
216     122 Pierino (D) (T. Sasse), D. Sasse, 11-0 ...... A. Branford
218       0 Roman Way (T. Crawford), F. Rimell, 11-0 ...... J. Burke
220       0 Verona Bay (Miss Carroll), R. Armytage, 11-0 Lord Oaksey
222       0 Woodlands Girl (J. Heritage), M. Tate, 11-0 ...... —
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5-1 Sunyboy, 4-1 Nougat, 5-1 Flintstone, 11-2 Miss Poker Face, Pierino, 8-1 Roman Way, 12-1 Cash Bonanza, 20-1 others.

1.35 MANDARIN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £3,153: 3¼m 82yds)

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302 2121-00 The Dikler (C) (Mrs August), F. Walwyn, 11-12-7 R. Barry
304 13212d- Proud Tarquin (Sir J. Thomson), R. Armytage, 11-10-10
                                                         Lord Oaksey
305 10-21pf Cuckolder (C) (Exors of Mrs Rogerson), R. Turnell, 9-10-10
                                                          A. Turnell
308 0-00330 Moonlight Escapade (Mrs E. Wharton), C. Miller, 8-10-5
                                                        D. Cartwright
311  1111p-3 Plas Iolyn (A. Perry), J. Thorne, 10-10-1 .... P. Blacker
314 2004-30 Prairie Dog (Mrs Walwyn), F. Walwyn, 10-10-0 .. A. Branford
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7-4 The Dikler, 3-1 Cuckolder, 4-1 Moonlight Escapade, 8-1 Proud Tarquin, Plas Iolyn, 12-1 Prairie Dog.

2.5 OLD YEAR STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £900: 2m 160yds)

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401 010223- Into View (C) (Mrs Brown), F. Winter, 11-12-0 R. Pitman
403 00p-01p Shock Result (CD) (Mrs Meehan), R. Turnell, 8-11-1 A. Turnell
404       0 Denys Adventure (Mrs Henriques), T. Forster, 9-11-0 G. Thorner
408 121-032 Ballyrichard Again (J. Webber), Webber, 9-10-5 .. A. Webber
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4-5 Into View, 5-2 Ballyrichard Again, 7-2 Shock Result, 10-1 Denys Adventure.

2.35 SOVEREIGN HURDLE (Handicap: £2,283: 2m)

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503 311-403 True Song (D) (Mrs Underwood), D. Underwood, 5-11-10
                                                              G. Old
504 414-123 Zellaman (D) (M. Kimmins), F. Walwyn, 5-11-8 .. R. Barry
505 403-040 Old Man Dimplex (D) (E. Wade), W. Marshall, 7-11-6
                                                           M. Wagner
506 111-000 Ronson Avenue (D) (D. Stanton), M. Tate, 5-11-3 R. R. Evans
507 1334-32 Fighting Taffy (CD) (Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake), P. Upton, 7-11-1
                                                           P. Blacker
508 4f130-2 Birds Nest (D) (I. Scott), R. Turnell, 4-11-0 .. A. Turnell
509 0142-03 Accord (D) (Mrs Williams), R. Turnell, 7-10-11 S. Knight 5
516       4 My Hero (G. Greenwood), A. Stevens, 5-10-2 N. Flanagan 5
517 130-000 Levantino (D) (D. Horswell), D. Morley, 5-10-1 G. Thorner
518 00200-2 Beaming Lee (CD) (J. Thorne), Thorne, 6-10-0 .. G. Read
520 1000-00 Mightier Yet (D) (Mrs McFerran), C. Davies, 4-10-0
                                                          M. Salaman
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7-2 Zellaman, 9-2 True Song, 11-2 Bird's Nest, 13-2 Accord, 14-2 Fighting Taffy, 10-1 Old Man Dimplex, Beaming Lee, 12-1 My Hero, Ronson Avenue, 20-1 others.

3.05 CHALLOW HURDLE (3-y-o: £2,141: 2m)

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601      02 Benroy (A. Kennedy), M. Haynes, 11-0 ....... D. Mould
602         Caissa Iru (M. Roberts), J. Hayward, 11-0 .... J. Davies 5
603       0 Catherine Star (R. Gilling), Mrs Finch, 11-0 .. R. Owen 7
604   43142 Colman (D) (Queen Mother), F. Walwyn, 11-0 ..... W. Smith
605     01f Dear Papa (D) (Mrs Hazell), P. Taylor, 11-0 .. A. Carroll 7
606       p Double Mint (S. Mitchell), D. Barons, 11-0 ...... S. May
607         Dramatist (L. Thwaites), F. Walwyn, 11-0 ..... A. Branford
608     f02 Drum Major (D. Underwood), Underwood, 11-0 ...... G. Old
609       f Edgars Plan (Mrs Ramsden), J. Sutcliffe jun, 11-0 .. B. Rouse
613       2 Hulagu (P. Deal), S. Mellor, 11-0 ............ D. Spock 7
615     2f4 Montreal Boy (C. Cavenia), R. Smyth, 11-0 ....... J. King
616         Mr Mouse (D. Montagu), Miss Sinclair, 11-0 .. R. Rowell
617         Nopac (N. Capon), H. Price, 11-0 ............ P. Kelleway
618      0p Paymaster (S. Roberts), D. Barons, 11-0 ......... V. Soane
621         Royal Set (Col Sir D. Clague), C. Benstead, 11-0 R. Hughes
622         Sarouk (R. Bouchor), C. Benstead, 11-0 ........ R. Atkins
623       p Say Something (M. Cussins), G. Harwood, 11-0 .... C. Read
624    1310 Sea Fern (D) (Mrs Henriques), W. Marshall, 11-0 M. Wagner
625         Silver Falcon (Miss Anthony), G. Kindersley, 11-0 W. Shoemark
627      0p Sundelle (Mrs Scrase), G. Harwood, 11-0 ...... G. Lawson
629         Welsh Count (M. Bryant), S. Woodman, 11-0 .. C. Goldsworthy
631      01 Zip Fastener (R. McAlpine), F. Rimell, 11-0 ...... J. Burke
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5-2 Hulagu, 4-1 Montreal Boy, 9-2 Colman, 5-1 Zip Fastener, 8-1 Sea Fern, 10-1 Dramatist, 12-1 Nopac, 16-1 Mr Mouse, 20-1 others.

Warwick programme

[Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

12.45 BOROUGH HURDLE (Handicap: £204: 2m)

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1           Lady Vanessa (Mrs Saunders), C. Saunders, 5-11-9 Mr Saunders
2   2210-42 Dumette (D) (J. Kynaston), W. Whiston, 6-11-6 R. F. Davies
5           Conscience Money (W. O'Brien), H. Morris, 5-11-4 .. P. Morris
6   001p-p3 Reversal (D) (J. Ramsden), A. W. Jones, 4-10-10 .... —
10  f-000lp Vimaville (K. Garratt), M. Tate, 5-10-9 ...... Mr Evans 7
11   140230 Unavailable (D) (B. Elliott), H. Nicholson, 4-10-9 J. Suthern
13     f1-4 Sovroylord (H. Munners), Manners, 7-10-6 .. J. Cullinane 7
16        0 Vente (T. Venn), C. Searle, 6-10-5 ............ C. Searle
17  00p-000 My Sophia (K. Peal), R. Tinney, 4-10-5 ......... R. Mann 7
18  440-000 Paco's Darling (Miss Blackall), P. Milner, 5-10-5 .. R. Crank
19   0000pp Kalamitous (R. Morris), Morris, 5-10-3 ........ R. Dickin 5
20        0 Moo Six (B. Cambidge), Cambidge, 6-10-5 .. Mr Jackson 7
21   0000-0 Fontenoy (T. Ronan), C. Jones, 5-10-5 .... R. O'Donovan 7
22      000 Fair Maid (D) (T. Robinson), R. E. Peacock, 6-10-5 .. —
23   u00000 Her Grace (Mrs Westley), A. Rumsey, 5-10-5 .. I. Watkinson
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3-1 Dumette, 5-1 Unavailable, 9-2 Sovroylord, 6-1 Reversal, 8-1 Fair Maid, 12-1 Conscience Money, 20-1 others.

1.15 WASPERTON HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £204: 2m 5f)

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1      3201 My Captain (R. Mildmay-White), G. Doidge, 5-12-0
                                                 Mr Mildmay-White 5
3    00-p00 Arcticality (J. Slattery), M. Oliver, 5-11-7 ...... P. Barton 7
5      00-0 Crack Shot (P. Mason), T. Forster, 5-11-7 .... J. Glover
6   01400-0 El Ksar (Mrs Benham), P. Bailey, 5-11-7 .... M. Floyd 7
7      0-0f Frozen Path (Mrs Wood), J. Bissell, 5-11-7 ..... J. Suthern
8           Gaelic Queen (Lady Rooles), C. Miller, 6-11-7 .... K. White
10     p0-0 Guidance (Mrs Dudgeon), G. Richards, 5-11-7 .. C. Brownless 7
11          King Aly (A. Wright), W. Charles, 5-11-7 .... B. Charley 7
12       00 Luna Walk (R. Denton), R. Vibert, 5-11-7 ............ —
14  0030b-0 Newtown Blues (Mrs Bridgett), P. Bridgett, 8-11-7 Mr Bridgett 7
15  302-000 Penroyson (Mrs Morris), H. Morris, 7-11-7 ..... P. Morris
16    0004- Quordam (G. Bloxham), K. Bailey, 5-11-7 .... D. Sunderland
17     00f4 Race Riot (R. Tinney), Tinney, 5-11-7 .......... R. Mann 7
20    0004p Sponger (M. Caborn-Waterfield), J. Old, 8-11-7 .. C. Candy
22     0-00 Thomond (Miss Pearson), Miss Pearson, 9-11-7 .. Mr Wilson
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5-4 My Captain, 11-4 Race Riot, 6-1 El Ksar, 8-1 Crack Shot, 12-1 Penroyson, Quordam, 20-1 others.

1.45 BEGINNERS STEEPLECHASE (£892: 2½m)

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2*  20-1121 Broncho II (D) (F. Tyldesley), A. Dickinson, 5-12-0
                                                         M. Dickinson
5     3f-1p Stalonist (Mrs McMeekin), P. Cundell, 7-12-0 .... J. Francome
10  11000-0 Copper Canyon (J. Rowley), W. Whiston, 7-10-11 R. F. Davies
13    4f-03 Master Upham (R. Brinkworth), D. Gandolfo, 6-10-11
                                                          W. Shoemark
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11-8 Stalonist, 15-8 Master Upham, 11-4 Copper Canyon.

2.15 WILLIAM HILL HURDLE (Handicap: £832: 2m)

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3      10-f2 Mr Flyer (D) (Miss Shennan), R. Armytage, 4-11-10 J. Glover
4    00-1022 Harry Zephyr (CD) (Mrs Lacey), I. Dudgeon, 5-11-3
                                                        D. O'Donovan
6     0f0410 Captain Ezra (D) (R. Finch), Finch, 5-11-0 .. Jos Scallan 5
7    0-01022 Spartan (CD) (W. Catstrey), M. Tate, 6-10-11 .. Mr Evans 7
9     210201 Grey Dove (G. Price), Price, 5-11-3 ......... Mr Jones 7
10    300102 Fire Alarm (J. Rowe), F. Rimell, 4-10-4 ......... K. White
11    00102f- Red China (Mrs Blackburn), Miss Morris, 5-10-3 .. P. Larcombe 7
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11-4 Spartan, 4-1 Harry Zephyr, 9-2 Fire Alarm, 11-2 Grey Dove, 7-1 Mr Flyer, 8-1 Captain Ezra, 12-1 Red China.

2.45 CRUDWELL CUP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,044: 3¼m 400yds)

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5     03121 Highland Explorer (CD) (S. Bosley), D. Nicholson, 9-11-2
                                                           J. Suthern
6   111p-14 Clarification (CD) (Lord Dulverton), R. Armytage, 6-11-1
                                                            J. Glover
8   0f-0024 Ballybright (J. Hughes), F. Cundell, 7-10-4 .. B. R. Davies
9   3u40-00 Mr Wrekin (Mrs G. Murphy), D. Holland, 9-10-3 .. S. Holland
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Evens Highland Explorer, 2-1 Clarification, 4-1 Ballybright, 10-1 Mr Wrekin.

3.15 WASPERTON HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £204: 2m 5f)

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1        00 Bore-Da III (R. Coleman), P. Milner, 5-11-7 .... R. Crank
3   0-00300 Canna Light (M. Hart), G. Rooney, 5-11-7 .... Mr Rooney 7
4        00 Gervic (G. Abrahams), R. Armytage, 5-11-7 ...... J. Glover
5      p0-0 Gillie (P. Crow), W. Whiston, 5-11-7 ....... R. F. Davies
6     0-000 Golden Russet (S. Bosley), D. Nicholson, 5-11-7 .... J. Suthern
7         0 Hondo (L. Harries), F. Rimell, 6-11-7 ......... K. White
8       000 Mark of Honour (Mrs Gaze), Mrs Gaze, 5-11-7 ..... R. Hyett
9       002 Milewyn (A. Richards), D. Hanley, 5-11-7 ...... S. Holland
10       02 Nagari (B. Cayzer), P. Cundell, 6-11-7 ....... J. Francome
11       00 Peggy W (M. Low), Low, 5-11-7 ................. Mr Jones 7
13  04-0042 Swinging Chick (R. Moore), P. Bevan, 6-11-7 .... P. Russell
14    00-f3f Tandala (Mrs Gardner), F. Winter, 5-11-7 ........... —
15    440-0 Top Score (Mrs Tate), M. Tate, 5-11-7 ......... Mr Evans 7
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11-8 Tandala, 100-30 Milewyn, 4-1 Nagari, 6-1 Swinging Chick, 10-1 Golden Russet, 14-1 Top Score, 20-1 others.
* Doubtful runner.

Warwick selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
12.45 Dumette. 1.15 My Captain. 1.45 Master Upham. 2.15 Harry Zephyr. 2.45 Highland Explorer. 3.15 Nagari.

Newcastle programme

[Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races]

12.30 PARTRIDGE HURDLE (Div 1: £272: 2m 60yd)

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1        31 Irish Favour (R. Taylor), Denys Smith, 7-12-3 .... D. Goulding
3     0-3f1 Dansan, (D. Flynn), K. Oliver, 4-11-11 ........... C. Tinkler
10       fp [illegible] (C. Bowman), G. Richards, 5-11-9 .. J. J. O'Neill
11       00 Sun Lord, (J. Biddell), K. Oliver, 6-11-9 .... A. Houghton 7
13        0 Birdlover ([illegible]), B. Wilkinson, 4-11-4 .... D. Atkins
16        0 Crown Court, (Mrs Walton), F. Walton, 4-11-4 .. Mr Walton
17  2000-0b French William, (R. Quincey), C. Lamb, 4-11-4 .. Mr Lamb
19   [illegible] [illegible] (Mrs Hutchison-Bradburne), Mrs Hutchison-Bradburne,
            4-11-4 ................................ Mr Bradburne 7
20  3-22223 Miss Milford, (R. Hall), C. Boothman, 4-11-4 .. Mr Tinkler 7
23   000434 Torso, (Miss Johnston), Mrs Chesmore, 4-11-4 .. P. Brogan
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6-4 Irish Favour, 11-4 Dansan, 9-2 Miss Milford, 13-2 Torso, 8-1 Sun Lord, 12-1 Red Maple, 20-1 others.

1.0 PHEASANT HURDLE (Handicap: £204: 2m 60yd)

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1    30u-pf0 Tortuga (A. Bell), C. Bell, 8-12-7 .......... J. Wilkinson 7
4    f04p-p2 Hassendean Burn (CD) (W. Forster), Forster, 12-11-10
                                                        A. Houghton 7
6          0 Camus, (N. Scarth), C. Boothman, 11-11-5 .... J. Armstrong 5
8    400020 Laredo (A. Kemp), Kemp, 6-11-2 ................ V. Percival
11   30f002- Snow Moss, (M. Wolff), W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-8 J. Murphy 7
13   32-0033 Night Skite (C), (W. Robson), L. Shedden, 9-10-2 .. T. Stack
17   01f0-p03 Hondo Lane, (R. Dexter), D. Chapman, 7-10-1 .... K. McCauley
18   323030 Cagey Boy, (T. Stamper), Stamper, 8-10-0 Mr Hetherington 7
22   4202-p0 Night Affair, (V. Thompson), Thompson, 5-10-0 .. J. J. O'Neill
23   1p000-0 Lochinvar, (I. Jordan), Jordon, 5-10-0 ........ A. Brown 7
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7-4 Hassendean Burn, 11-4 Night Skite, 4-1 Cagey Boy, 5-1 Hondo Lane, 8-1 Night Affair, 16-1 others.

1.30 LADBROKE BILLY BOW HURDLE (Handicap: £1,632: 2m 60yd)

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1   21-2112 Super Nova (CD) (J. Mitchell), W. Hall, 4-11-6 .... T. Stack
3   10-3213 Gay Perch, (H. Smart), G. Richards, 8-11-5 ...... J. J. O'Neill
4   201f2-0 Irish Special (CD), (J. Hood), S. Palmer, 9-11-0 J. Marshall 7
7   2f-0321 Stay-Bell, (Sir H. Fraser), Mrs Chesmore, 5-10-9 P. Brogan
8     10-4 Indian Emperor (Mrs Walton), F. Walton, 4-10-5 .. B. Fletcher
9   21-1402 Front Bencher (C) (Mrs Gordon), T. Page, 8-10-5 .. G. Griffin
10  0f0-0d2 Old Vince, (W. Thyne), C. Bell, 5-10-0 .......... D. Nolan
11  33-0434 Temple Rise, (CD), (D. Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 D. Goulding
12   444010 Mon Bleu, (CD), (Mrs Boothman), C. Boothman, 8-10-0
                                                       J. Armstrong 5
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9-4 Super Nova, 7-2 Gay Perch, 4-1 Front Bencher, 13-2 Irish Special, 8-1 Stay-Bell, 10-1 Old Vince, 12-1 Indian Emperor, 16-1 others.

2.0 NORTHUMBRIA STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,266: 3m)

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3    10-21u4 Tee-Cee-Bee (CD), (T. Bell), Bell, 8-12-0 .... Mr Macmillan
8    1f03-04 Scarlet Letch ([illegible]) (R. Brewis), Brewis, 9-10-9 .. P. Mangan
10   331341 Stag Party (D), (Mrs Pitman), B. Wilkinson, 6-10-6 .. D. Atkins
15   100-11p Lingus (C), (E. Bell), K. Oliver, 9-10-5 ........ C. Tinkler
17   1-40024 Scarfell ([illegible]) (Ld Kilmany), Ld Kilmany, 11-10-0 .. B. Fletcher
18      443 Master Val (D), (Mrs Tremewan), W. A. Stephenson, 7-10-0
                                                             T. Stack
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9-4 Stag Party, 7-2 Tee-Cee-Bee, Lingus, 6-1 Scarfell, 8-1 Master Val, 10-1 Scarlet Letch.

2.30 GAME BIRD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £340: 2½m)

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1    30022-f Even Now, (L. Salmor), K. Oliver, 6-11-3 ........ C. Tinkler
2    000-220 Anglo Scot, (Mrs Gordon), T. Page, 5-10-12 ...... D. Munro
4    4-22122 Rubstic, (J. Douglas), C. Bell, 5-10-8 ........ M. Blackshaw
5   [illegible] [illegible] Brig (J. Marshall), R. Cross, 6-10-5 ..... P. Brogan
6    0-43312 Sebastian V, (R. Jeffreys), R. Cross, 6-10-5 .. D. Moorhead
7    120104 Border Grain, (Mrs Dixon), V. Thompson, 5-10-3 .. J. J. O'Neill
9    12-0014 Merrybent, (C. Attwood), Denys Smith, 5-10-2 .. D. Goulding
10   240-044 Be My Guest, (D. Lennon), B. Wilkinson, 6-10-1 .. D. Atkins
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6-4 Rubstic, 5-2 Sebastian V, 4-1 Be My Guest, 11-2 Anglo Scot, 8-1 Merrybent, 14-1 others.

3.00 PARTRIDGE HURDLE (Div II: £272: 2m 60yd)

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1        2-1 Basil Thyme (E. Collins), K. Oliver, 6-12-2 ...... C. Tinkler
5    003-00 Gusserane, (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 5-11-9 R. Collins 7
9         0 Little Red, (P. Glossop), R. G. Ward, 8-11-9 ..... Mr Gray 5
10        0 Mayhap (E. Cliff-McCulloch), W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-9 T. Stack
11        0 Nautius (H. Blackshaw), Blackshaw, 5-11-9 .... M. Blackshaw
13          Sting Again (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 5-11-9 D. Davies 7
14     0-00f Tanneid (Mrs Hutchison-Bradburne), Hutchison-Bradburne, 8-11-9
                                                       Mr Bradburne 7
16        4 Cromwell Road (Mrs Berry), G. Richards, 4-11-4 .. J. J. O'Neill
17   3-p0000 Little Mick (Mrs Milligan), B. Wilkinson, 4-11-4 .. D. Atkins
19    0-004 Sherry Bird (Mrs Bird), K. Whitehead, 4-11-4 .... G. Holmes
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2-5 Basil Thyme, 4-1 Cromwell Road, 6-1 Gusserane, 12-1 Mayhap, 20-1 others.

Newcastle selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.30 Irish Favour. 1.0 Night Skite. 1.30 Old Vince. 2.0 STAG PARTY is specially recommended. 2.30 Rubstic. 3.30 Basil Thyme.

Newbury selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
12.30 Brantridge Farmer. 1.0 Sunyboy. 1.35 The Dikler. 2.05 Shock Result. 2.35 BIRDS NEST is specially recommended. 3.5 Zip Fastener.

Kempton Park results

12.45 (12.47) EGHAM HURDLE (Div I: novices: £338: 2m)
Kiani, b c, by Relic—Irania (Mrs B. Harris), 4yrs, 10 st 8 lb J. King (25-1) 1
Rossini, gr g, by Rockavon—Nicassine (Mrs P. Thorpe), 5yrs, 11 st 6 lb .. J. Francome (11-2) 2
Seven The Quadrant, ch c, by Bold Lad—Scotch Corner (Mr J. Kendrick), 4yrs, 10 st 8 lb P. Kelleway (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 85-40 fav Spring Stone, 11-2 Queen's Treasure (4th), 14-1 Makinlau, 16-1 Bushman, Princely Review, Whistling Swan, 25-1 Bibury Ash, War Chief, Bent Pelham, Persist, Prides Pal, Scotland The Brave, Telscombe Lass, Venetian Lord. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, £4.18; places, 65p, 19p, 25p. C. Bewicke, at Didcot. Sht hd, 8l.

1.15 (1.17) BERNI INNS STEEPLECHASE (£901: 3m)
Ceol-na-Mara, ch g, by Apollonius—Dorcanna (Mrs M. Seddon-Brown), 5yrs, 10 st 13 lb S. Jobar (85-40 fav) 1
Moon Trip, b g, by Blast—Flight's Orchid (Mr A. Connell), 6yrs, 11 st 8 lb Mr C. Saunders (20-1) 2
Exhibit B, b g, by Vulgan—Rosbrin Rose (Mr F. Manheim), 5yrs, 10 st 12 lb .. A. Branford (11-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Man on the Moon (f), 6-1 Silver Meteor (4th), Happy Warrior (u), 13-2 Poohbear. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 19p, 61p; dual forecast, £4.75. S. Mellor, at Lambourn. 10l, 20l.

1.45 (1.48) LADBROKE HOLIDAYS HURDLE (Handicap: £1,012: 3m)
Don't Hesitate, b g, by Entanglement—Crystal Clear (Mr P. Belither), 4yrs, 10 st 13 lb J. Francome (10-1) 1
Hurry Imp, b g, by Havelot—Rising Gold (Mrs O. Negus-Fancey), 4yrs, 10 st 13 lb P. Beasant (7-1) 2
Palm Monday, ch g, by Royal Palm—Tuesday Eve (Mr J. Hughes), 6yrs, 10 st 7 lb B. R. Davies (9-3) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Inaudible (p), 5-1 Sydney Carton, 7-1 Makadir, 8-1 Swirl, 14-1 Proud Knight (p), 16-1 Marshal Who, 20-1 Valuable Coin (4th). 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 88p; places, 26p, 20p, 17p. P. Cundell, at Compton. 8l, 12l. Top Priority and Quicksilver did not run.

2.20 (2.22) CHRISTMAS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £612: 2m 170yd)
Well Oiled, b g, by Cassim—Nearly Gone (Sir C. Clore), 7yrs, 10 st 10 lb .. W. Smith (15-8) 1
Vikrom, br m, by Menelek—Dancing Jade (Mrs J. Craig), 7yrs, 11 st 5 lb J. Francome (10-11 fav) 2
Shawnigan, b g, by Pandofell—Persalira (Mr A. Wood), 10yrs, 10 st 5 lb .. P. Kelleway (4-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 24p, forecast, 32p. F. Walwyn, at Lambourn. Distance, 25l. 3 ran.

2.50 (2.52) KENTON STEEPLECHASE (£900: 3m)
Right Lad, ch g, by Game Rights—Canny's Lad (Mr M. Sanderson), 6yrs, 10 st 8 lb R. Champion (2-1 fav) 1
Great Opportunity, b g, by Orchardist—Great Moon (Mr M. Holly), 6yrs, 11 st 5lb A. Branford (9-1) 2
Moonee River, b g, by Autre Prince—dam's name unknown (Mrs E. Selwyn) 6yrs, 10 st 4 lb J. King (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 No Scotch (f), 13-2 Sam's Boy (f), 8-1 Westerly Winds (p), 20-1 Super Do (p), Smokeless (p). 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 18p, 29p, 21p; dual forecast, £2.53. Miss A. Sinclair, at Lewes. 12l, 15l. Barmer and Thursday Christian did not run.

3.20 (3.25) Egham Hurdle (Div II: novices: £338: 2m)
Beau Regard, b g, by Charlottesville—Regal Boll (Mrs J. Mullion), 4yrs, 10 st 8 lb P. Kelleway (5-1) 1
Heidelberg, b g, by Miralgo—Western Sun (Mr N. Whitcomb), 5yrs, 10 st 13 lb C. Read (2-1 fav) 2
Highview Jack, b g, by Parthia—Mollymawk (Mrs S. Sutton), 5yrs, 10 st 13 lb M. C. Gifford (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Jockey, 8-1 China Bank (4th), 10-1 The Dene, 16-1 Gay God, My Charlie, 20-1 Humanist, Our Nipper, 25-1 Cromwell, The Magician, Eastarose, Shivers Regal. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 56p; places, 27p, 20p, 24p. H. Price, at Findon. 3l, 6l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Don't Hesitate and Right Lad, £19.45. Treble: Ceol-Na-Mara, Well Oiled and Beau Regard, £14.90. Jackpot: Not won. No consolation dividend. Today's pool at Newbury guaranteed at £4,000.

Wolverhampton

12.45 (12.51) WESTON HURDLE (Div I: 5-y-o novices: £272: 2m)
Lord Greystoke, b g, by Royal Palm—Lalama Lady (Mrs G. Sandiford), 10-7 R. Barry (15-8 fav) 1
Fox Run, ch c, by Clear Run—Foxlight Fancy (Mrs V. Purser), 10-7 ...... R. P. Evans (8-1) 2
Jackstones, b g, by Bargello—Shepherd's Day (Mrs R. Heathcote), 10-7 .. J. Haine (11-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Crockery, 14-1 Poppywee (4th), 20-1 Little Gnat, Daybrook Jane, 25-1 Ask for Roger, 33-1 Sybil, Mistress Blarney, Polo Ham, Esude (p), Heath Hill. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 15p, 13p, 18p. G. Richards, at Penrith. 6l, 2l. Clover Cottage and Lady Cynshay did not run.

1.15 (1.16) STANTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £540: 2½m)
Spariot, b m, by Spartan General—Fire Chariot (Mr T. Jenks), 6-10-7 .... N. Clay (6-1) 1
Number Engaged, b g, by Quorum—Neopolitan Lou (Mr E. Courage), 6-10-10 .. J. Barlow (7-4 co-fav) 2
Loup Cervier, b g, by Le Loup Garou—Polymnia (Mr J. Sumner), 12-10-2 .. P. Davies (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-4 co-fav Forosall (u), 33-1 The Decca (4th). 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 63p; forecast, £1.15. N. Clay, at Uttoxeter. 12l, 4l. Nom de Guerre did not run.

1.45 (1.46) ALBRIGHTON HURDLE (Handicap: £544: 2½m)
Vale Royale, ch g, by Barbary Pirate—Kate's Chalet (Mr G. Hackling), 7-11-5 K. Barnfield (4-1 fav) 1
Garliestown, br g, by Sea Wolf—Laurel Leaf (Mr W. Love), 7-10-0 Mr H. J. Evans (15-2) 2
Chanter Mark, ch m, by River Chanter—Query Mark (Mr D. Darling), 7-10-0 Mr D. Darling (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Leeward (u), Ronanna, 10-1 Light Master (4th), Piobair, 13-1 Trail Blazer, 20-1 Master Blarney, 25-1 Night Heritage, Uncle Monty, Celtic Delight, Arctic Scholar (p). 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 24p, 23p, 30p. G. Hackling, at Cheltenham. 3l, 5l.

2.15 (2.17) ASTBURY STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £1,199: 3m)
Duffle Coat, b g, by Sea Moss—Stainton Cutos (Mr P. Parkinson), 6-11-12 M. Dickinson (5-2 fav) 1
Brown Admiral, br g, by Bargello—Dream of Durrow (Mr H. Zeisel), 5-11-7 .... J. Burke (11-4) 2
Palsboy, ch h, by Pall Mall—Carpetbagger (Mr A. Bowman), 5-11-2 bl .. J. Haine (100-30) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 Our Edition (f), 33-1 No Defence (4th). 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 28p; forecast, £1.05. J. Berry, at Lancaster. Nk, 2l.

3.45 (3.48) STAFFORD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £443: 3m)
The Leap, br g, by Moldore—Golden Hair (Mrs J. Matthews), 9-11-2 ...... Ld Oaksey (6-1) 1
Spanish Steps, b g, by Flush Royal—Tiberetta (Mr E. Courage), 11-11-8 ...... J. Barlow (7-2) 2
Colley Mill, ch g, by Damremont—Hartwell Girl (Mr J. Longman), 11-10-4 .. D. Cartwright (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Nether Edge (4th), 15-2 Madison, 7-1 Second Redeemer, 14-1 Dungarvan Jewel, 50-1 Abbey Wood. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 56p; places, 20p, 16p, 20p; dual forecast, £1.05. R. Armytage, at East Ilsley. 6l, 7l. Ballyhoura Hill and Hard Cash did not run.

3.15 (3.18) WESTON HURDLE (Div II: 5-y-o novices: £272: 2m)
Brief Authority, b g, by Arctic Kanda—Xander (Mr T. Dillon), 10-7 ...... J. Burke (evens fav) 1
Beau Slaney, b g, by Beau Tudor—Tarquin's Empress (Mr A. Crogan), 11-0 S. A. Taylor (7-4) 2
Little Buck, b g, by Little Buskins—Lazy Fanny (Mr J. Friday), 10-7 R. R. Evans (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 12-1 Ancient Melody (4th), 14-1 Feud (ro), 33-1 Chesterfield, Tecalvp, Cognac Glow. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 11p, 13p, 15p; dual forecast, 18p. F. Rimell, at Severn Stoke. 2½l, 12l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Vale Royale and The Leap, £11.90. TREBLE: Spariot, Duffle Coat and Brief Authority, £10.30.

Market Rasen

12.30 (12.32): RISBY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £443: 2m)
Ben More, b g, by Khalkis—Iona's Girl (Mr P. Harper) 6-12-7 S. Holland (4-9 fav) 1
Satara Pasha, b h, by Rustam—Dona Ana (Mr J. Edmonds) 5-10-5 .... G. Old (9-1) 2
Ann Rose, b m, by Corlachy—Fern Doll (Mr A. Smedley) 7-10-3 Mr R. Smedley (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Goldy's Boy (4th), 8-1 Cruiscin Lan (f), 11-1 Blankney Lad (pu), 35-1 Brassato (ur). 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 17p; places, 12p, 22p; Dual forecast: 55p. J. Hardy, at Staunton. 6l, 3l.

1.0 (1.02) ALFORD HURDLE (£170: 2m)
Timbo, gr c, by Quorum—Gamble in Gold (Mr J. Craig) 7-11-5 A. Houghton (4-1) 1
Starry Cluster, ch c, by Starry Halo—Darby's Girl (Mr P. Curtis) 5-10-3 D. Briscoe (12-1) 2
Sea Dragon, gr g, by Pendragon—Ocean Express (Mr I. Southern) 10-11-10 S. Holland (evens fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Anglesey Royal (4th), 10-1 Finmoss, 14-1 Kings Cutter, 16-1 Octave, Last Attempt (ur), Coffee Bob, 20-1 Lockton Lass, Montage (f), Rickshaw Ride. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win: 38p; places, 17p, 24p, 12p. F. Carr, at Malton. 6l, hd. Winner was bought in for 500 guineas.

1.30 (1.32) KINGERBY HURDLE (4-y-o: £510: 2½m)
Duc D'Orleans, ch c, by Ballymoss—Bleu Azur (Mr A. Cox) 11-0 I. Watkinson (11-4) 1
Broxmouth, ch g, by Midsummer Night II—Double Pans (Mr A. Brewster) 11-5 G. Holmes (12-1) 2
Cootamundra, br g, by Right Boy—Quick and Lively (Colonel A. Waite), 11-0 R. Weaver (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-9 fav Relevant (pu). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 34p; forecast, £2.27. L. Carrod, at Lincoln. Distance, 10l. Ashendene did not run.

2.0 (2.03) LIMESTONE EDWARD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £680: 3m)
Glanford Brigg, b g, by Naucetra—Faireira (Mr P. Harper) 8-12-4 S. Holland (4-6 fav) 1
Gramophone, ch g, by Pinza—Hypopgram (Mr J. Rowles) 9-10-0 ...... J. James (10-1) 2
Swan-Shot, b g, by Combat—Swan Queen (Mr J. Craig) 11-9-12 A. Houghton (15-8) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Rampsman (4th). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 19p; forecast, 53p. J. Hardy, at Staunton. 2½l, 8l.

2.30 (2.33) THORESWAY STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £340: 2m 5f)
Drumador, b g, said to be by Drumbeg—Katador (Mr J. Bowness) 8-12-0 .... S. Holland (4-6 fav) 1
Bilbo, ch g, by Crocket—Flora Leigh (Lt-Col G. Illingworth) 4-10-7 .... I. Watkinson (7-1) 2
Golden Festival, b m, by Naucetra—Penny Jiffy (Mr E. Bardgett) 6-11-2 ...... J. James (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Rusty's Gift (f), 9-1 Dragon Fields (4th), 12-1 Count Varano (f), Harry's Best, 50-1 Queen Bow. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 31p; places, 12p, 15p, 26p; dual forecast, 39p. J. Hardy, at Staunton. 12l, sh hd. Hila's Hurricane did not run.

3.0 (3.03) MANBY HURDLE (Handicap: Novices: £442: 2m)
The Bay Turk, b g, by Sovereign Lord—Almond (Mr T. Bayley) 4-11-8 .... J. Marshall (9-2) 1
Archetto, br c, by Arcticeelagh—Polly Bellino (Mrs J. Hardy) 4-12-1 ...... S. Holland (6-1) 2
Katebird, b f, by Birdbrook—Limena (Mr J. Turner) 4-11-8 G. Holmes (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Dalwhinnie, 8-1 Momloo, 10-1 Landscaper (4th), 12-1 Nau-Fair, 20-1 Rhum. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 46p; places, 25p, 27p, 20p; dual forecast, 74p. S. Palmer, at Bottisford. 3l, 1½l. Nemulello did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Duc D'Orleans, Drumador, £6.60. TREBLE: Timbo, Glanford Brigg, The Bay Turk, £9.05.

Wetherby results

12.30 (12.32) CHRISTMAS HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o novices: £204: 2m)
Barberry, ch g, by Jolly Jet—Gracia (Mrs B. Martin), 10-0 P. Bloomfield (16-1) 1
Mine A Million, b c, by Hopeful Venture—Gem of Gems (Mr G. Strawbridge), 10-12 T. Stack (4-5 fav) 2
Chivas Regal, ch f, by Sword Dancer—Unity (Mr T. McDonald), 11-1 D. Goulding (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Arrow Head, 8-1 Fighting King (4th), 11-1 Bucknenot, 12-1 Curled Leaf, 20-1 King's Scholar, Phantom Cat, Satalis, Slide, Nambour (u). 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.46; places, 35p, 13p, 14p. G. Vergette, at Market Deeping. Hd, ¾l.

1.0 (1.1) BOROUGHBRIDGE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £540: 3m 100yds)
Clicquot Signal, b g, by Rullaghoelagh—Space Signal (Mr E. Hunter), 7-11-5 .. D. Goulding (10-1) 1
Kelton Lad, br h, by Cunningham—Guide (Mr T. Littleton), 5-11-4 D. Nolan (3-1) 2
Silkstone, b g, by Hullabaloo—Cullyvore (Mr S. Norton), 6-11-5 S. Nattriss (2-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 Honest Lawyer (f), 16-1 Luctig (f), By Flight II (p). 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 84p; places, 21p, 15p; forecast, £1.63. B. Wilkinson, at Middleham. ½l, 10l.

1.30 (1.37) CHRISTMAS HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o novices: £204: 2m)
Rossborough, ch c, by Mossborough—Rossana II (Mrs A. Gibson), 11-1 .. T. Skiffington (9-4 jt fav) 1
Listercombe, ch c, by Aggressor—Vanita (Lord Vestey), 10-5 J. Suthern (9-4 jt fav) 2
Clever Prince, gr g, by Grand Roi—Marialaina (Mr W. A. Stephenson), 10-5 .... T. Stack (5-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 12-1 Indubitably (4th), 14-1 Wildlife (p), 16-1 Bechot, 33-1 Flaxton, French Tremor, 50-1 Miss Forte (p), Spillets Jenny. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 28p; places, 14p, 13p, 13p; dual forecast, 31p. Thomson Jones, at Newmarket. 2l, 8l.

2.0 (2.02) TOWTOWN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £680: 2½m 100yds)
The Benign Bishop, b g, by Arctic Slave—Honeytown (Mr D. Oliver), 7-12-7 Mr S. Oliver (6-5 fav) 1
Fanatic, br h, by Milesian—Hejira (Mrs W. MacDonald), 7-10-0 P. Buckley (10-1) 2
Blonde Viking, ch g, by Royal Dust—Pendle Pearl (Mr A. Watson), 9-9-12 .... Mr K. Gray (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Skidby Miller (p), 7-1 Scotia's Boy (f), 11-1 Panzer (p). 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 16p, 24p; dual forecast, 62p. K. Oliver, at Hawick. 3l, bad.

2.30 (2.33) KNARESBOROUGH HURDLE (Handicap: £680: 3m)
French Wood, b g, by Haris II—Siren Wood (Lady Cadogan), 9-11-8 ...... P. Buckley (10-1) 1
Shinto, b c, by Shantung—Sounion (Mr A. Parke), 4-10-11 J. Suthern (13-2) 2
Recon, b h, by Reform—Mary Falconer (Mr H. Leader), 5-10-5 T. Stack (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Luckey Mate (4th), 15-2 Set Point, Bonny Royal, 12-1 Kirwaugh, 20-1 Classic Gem, 33-1 Moonlight Chase, Persian Velvet, Lucky Victory, Danasco, Park Island (p). 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.02; places, 29p, 24p, 26p. N. Crump, at Middleham. 1½l, 6l. Miss Isis did not run.

3.0 (3.5) CHRISTMAS HURDLE (Div III: Novices: £204: 2m)
Master Scorchin, b g, by Goldhill—Miss Scorchin (Mr E. Halmshaw), 10-5 .... P. Broderick (4-1 fav) 1
Paint Job, b g, by Pretendre—Lacquer (Mr W. A. Stephenson), 11-11 .... T. Stack (8-1) 2
Tinker's Plea, ch g, by Le Dieu D'Or—Twiliorn (Mr E. Collingwood), 9-12 .... A. Flint (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Stanwick Sovereign (4th), Culberge, 5-1 Pingo, 7-1 Hopeful Subject, 10-1 Aegean Song (p), 12-1 Ptarmigan (f), 14-1 Montana Villa Venture. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 34p; places, 24p, 27p, 72p. M. W. Easterby, at Malton. 6l, sh hd.
TOTE DOUBLE: Rossborough, French Wood; £13.80. TREBLE: Clicquot Signal, The Benign Bishop, Master Scorchin: £22.70.

SPORT

Rugby Union

First round at last stutters to completion

The remaining first round ties in the Rugby Football Union national knockout competition will be decided today when Streatham/Croydon are at home to Richmond and Northampton receive Gosforth. In both cases it is the visiting club who should figure in the second round draw on Monday.

Already through to the last 16 are Bath, Bedford, Blackheath, Bristol, Coventry (the holders), Gloucester, Liverpool, London Irish, London Scottish, Moreley, Morpeth, Moseley, Rosslyn Park and Sale. It is typical of the unsatisfactory organization that the competition has taken nearly three months to stutter through its opening stage.

The four clubs engaged this afternoon have waited until the last possible date and Northampton will now be wishing they had less formidable opponents. Northampton have been beaten at home in successive matches by Wasps and Harlequins and they will be without the England under-23 flanker Graham Phillips, who was injured on Boxing Day. Cannon moves from lock to replace him and Lutter is brought into the second row. Vincent is preferred to the England under-23 captain Raphael as hooker.

Gosforth will be strengthened by the return of Dixon, the England flanker, who has recovered from the facial injury which required 22 stitches after the second England area trial at Headingley. Dixon Uttley, the British Lion, and Robinson the captain, form the redoubtable back row of a pack which has Scotland's Madsen at hooker, and the England trial player Colin White at prop.

With the experienced Young at scrum half, and the pace and strength of Carr on the wing, Gosforth, who travelled overnight with a squad of 21 players, should have too much fire power for the struggling Northampton team.

Richmond should also be too experienced and robust for Streatham, who won the Surrey cup, then defeated the Sussex titleholders Lewes for the right to challenge London's most successful club this season. Ralston, who missed the final England trial, and the Barbarians game at Leicester, because of his troublesome knee injury, will be back to lead Richmond. Merrick will continue at flanker for the absent Bucknall. But the Cambridge University prop Edwards has a rash and if he cannot play either Slattery or Adam will deputize.

The ambitious Streatham club, led and coached by John Sutherland, the former Surrey wing, know the extent of their task—they crashed 25—3 to Richmond at the Athletic ground in September.

Meanwhile full backs make the news in today's limited club programme with two contenders for the England full back position on view in London. Richards has his first senior game since breaking his jaw in September, when Wasps meet South Wales Police at Sudbury, while Hare, his rival in England's final trial last week, will be in the Nottingham side against Blackheath at the Rectory Field.

With a place for a full back still available in England's training practice at Twickenham next week, Jorden can further his claims when Bedford receive Rosslyn Park. He should get a good test because Codd has now returned to his old full back berth after a long spell at centre for Rosslyn Park. He changes places with Saville, who ironically left Blackheath last year because of limited opportunities to play in his favourite full back position.

The England No 8 Ripley will be in the side before departing for a two-week skiing holiday. He will fly back midway through his holiday for the Twickenham get-together.

Morrell has a shoulder injury and misses Moseley's game against Birmingham, Griffiths taking his place.

Liverpool, one of the clubs hoping for a financial boost from a home draw in the knockout second round, meet Birkenhead Park—a fixture dating from 1877.

Roughley, their England centre, is back after a fortnight's absence with injury for this 189th match between the two clubs—Park having claimed the most scalps with 98 wins to date.

Barbarians have it at their fingertips

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Leicester 4 Barbarians 43

The Barbarians, playing the sort of brilliant football behind the scrummage that is in keeping with their loftiest traditions, won a spectacular victory at Welford Road yesterday by two goals, a penalty goal and seven tries to a try.

It is a scoreline falsely suggestive of a rout, and doing scant justice to a Leicester pack that mauled and rucked with spirit, organization and good effect. But when it came to skills and speed and flair in midfield only one side had the cutting edge. Moreover, in the second half Blyth was able from full back to make some electric entries into his line, and Duckham, playing on the right wing, found firmer going underfoot to give him a launch pad for some devastating running.

Duckham, Blyth and Preece each got a brace of tries, Warfield, Ripley and Weston one each. And the whole piece was threaded together by a man whose only score was the last conversion, made to ironic cheers—McGeechan.

On the end of Weston's unselfish service, McGeechan, with his excellent distribution and innate ability to choose the right option, brought out the best in his English centres, and on occasion sparked off some exciting running from deepest defence. Preece and Warfield, with their contrasting skills, could develop into a potent combination for England. Only Wood behind the Barbarian scrummage had an off day. Little went right for him, and it may have been difficult for anyone observing him for the first time to believe what a good footballer he undoubtedly is.

The scoreline implies a busy and fruitful afternoon for the Barbarians's loose forwards, of whom Neary, swift to the breakdown, eager in attack and endlessly constructive, was the outstanding member. Rowell's bald head was ever to the fore in Leicester's ranks, not least at the front of the line-out, and Willars, playing his farewell game for the first team, Ringer and Forfar were often conspicuous in the open.

Preece (left) and Duckham : two with a brace of tries apiece.

Allen burrowed away in zealous alliance with his forwards, Duggan stopped a third Duckham try with a fine cover tackle from the opposite wing, and Money, kept busy at fullback, was never lacking in spirit.

The All Black, Whiting, Feidlim McLoughlin (younger brother of the Irish international, Ray), Ripley and Neary all had a hand or more in the first try scored by Blyth from a line-out. Blyth could not convert it down the wind and drizzle which Leicester chose to face, and which defeated three attempts by the home captain, Wheeler, to land penalty goals.

Leicester compounded these misses by giving away three points with a late tackle by Money on Wood, Blyth kicking a penalty goal, and then by making a hash of their own line-out possession. Ripley plundered it into their 25 to set up a ruck, Preece made a half-incision and Warfield burst imperiously clear on his inside. It was not an easy day for place kicking, but Blyth had little excuse for missing this conversion.

The Barbarians made it 15—0 at half-time when McGeechan, from a scrummage, brought off a dummy scissors with Preece and then dummied a pass to Warfield before sending in Preece on his inside. It was all made to look very simple.

Leicester now got their salutary score, Wheeler and Allen capitalizing on a breakdown and Duggan hacking through to beat Blyth to the touchdown. Wheeler's kick at goal hit a post. Then Neary set off on a dazzling run down the middle direct from a long Leicester throw, and finished it perfectly with an inside scoring pass for Preece. Blyth had a simple conversion from in front.

It was Blyth who got the next try after Duckham had gone round his man but had been checked by Money. Duckham notched number five when his own cross-kick set up a maul, and Rodgers and Weston put him clear.

John Dawes would have admired the Barbarian running out of their 25 and the speed of their fingertip passing in the middle. He would have liked, too, the way in which Warfield switched the direction of attack with a long pass which had Blyth steaming up again, this time for a last pass to Duckham. Next, Whiting sent Duckham driving down the touchline from a line-out, and Ripley was up on the inside to slide an elongated frame across the line on its own momentum.

Leicester, ever willing, deserved better luck than to see a tapped penalty now come unstuck. Neary and Jenkins made the most of it, Duckham again sailed majestically into the opposing 25, and Weston capped an honest performance by accepting the last pass on the inside. McGeechan kicked his goal, and only a Scrooge could have felt deprived of his money's worth.

LEICESTER: R. Money, J. Duggan, B. Hall, K. Bracewell, J. Pearce; B. Jones, J. Allen; R. Cowling, P. Wheeler, Ray French, G. Adey, D. Rowell, P. Ringer, G. Willars, D. Forfar.

BARBARIANS: W. R. Blyth (Swansea and Wales); D. J. Duckham (Coventry and England), P. S. Preece (Coventry and England), P. J. Warfield (Cambridge University and England), G. E. Wood (Cambridge University); I. R. McGeechan (Headingley and Scotland), L. E. Weston (Rosslyn Park and England); P. D. Llewellyn (Swansea and Wales), J. V. Pullin (Bristol and England), F. McLoughlin (Northern), P. J. Whiting (Auckland and New Zealand), A. K. Rodgers (Rosslyn Park), H. W. Jenkins (Llanelli), A. Neary (Broughton Park and England), A. G. Ripley (Rosslyn Park and England).

Referee: P. D'Arcy (Ireland).

Scrum half and deputy hurt at same time

By John Downie

Glasgow 3 Edinburgh 8

A storming finish enabled Edinburgh Schools to beat Glasgow Schools at Westerlands by two tries to a penalty goal yesterday after Glasgow had led from the fifty-second minute and several times threatened to go farther ahead. Before that Hunter, twice, and Ure had missed good penalty chances for Edinburgh, and their scrum half, Hurst, had lost the ball in the act of touching down for a try six minutes after the start.

Glasgow's worst moment came after 22 minutes when Brown was knocked out in a tackle and, having lain still as play continued for more than a minute, was helped from the field. Not only did Brown combine the roles of scrum half, captain and place kicker, but the replacement scrum half had called off with flu too late for a deputy to be summoned, and Braidwood, the obvious emergency scrum half among those on the field, took a knock while Brown was stretched out.

Happily, the flanker recovered to work the scrum for the three minutes Brown was off the field and the regular scrum half instantly proved his fitness on return with a fine cover tackle on Hewitt on one side of the field and resourceful disposal of the ball from an Edinburgh hack-and-chase attack to the other end of the goal-line.

With Thomson kicking well, if perhaps too often, downwind, Glasgow got well on top in the second half. They wasted a chance six minutes after the interval when a long kick by Thomson forced Ure to carry over near the posts, but Glasgow were penalized in the five-yard scrum and immediately afterwards in a ruck.

After 52 minutes Edinburgh, offside at a ruck, gave Brown his first shot at the posts, and he put over a magnificent kick from 45 yards out and 15 from touch. Ure then missed an easier chance for Edinburgh. With two minutes and stoppage time left, Hurst broke [illegible] supported by James Calder, whose kick ahead was scrambled into touch by Ashton. How splendidly Edinburgh maintained their newfound momentum.

The ball crossed the field twice before Dunkley felled Gill with an excellent tackle. A charge by Robertson was held at the goal-line, and from a scrum there David Davidson picked up and scored. From the kick-off Edinburgh inter-passed up the middle, Jim Calder was held at the goal-line, and passes from a ruck sent Gill striding joyously in for a further try.

GLASGOW SCHOOLS: E. J. Riley (Lenzie Academy); C. J. Williamson (Kelvinside Academy), E. F. David (Hutcheson's GS), G. H. Dunkley (Glasgow HS), D. M. Ashton (Prestwick Academy); W. F. Thomson (Glasgow Academy), J. F. Brown (Ayr Academy, captain); R. P. MacLean (St Aloysius College), H. H. Gray (Glasgow HS), M. J. McLaughlin (Marr College), G. Davidson (Lenzie Academy), A. G. More (Kilmarnock Academy), J. A. Braidwood (Hutcheson's GS), A. F. Peat (Jordanhill College School), G. H. Stewart (Lenzie Academy).

EDINBURGH SCHOOLS: J. S. Ure (Trinity Academy); P. R. Norman (Stewart's and Melville College), G. J. T. Blackwood (Royal High School), D. R. T. Gill (Boroughmuir), [illegible] College), M. J. T. Hurst (Trinity Academy, captain); A. S. Dunn (Craigmount), P. A. Black (Boroughmuir), J. D. Littlejohn (Royal High School), S. Hunter (Portobello), F. Calder (Stewart's and Melville College), J. H. Calder (Stewart's and Melville College), A. W. Robertson (Trinity Academy), D. R. Davidson (Portobello).

Referee: A. M. Hosie (Hillhead).

Rally by Kent comes too late to matter

By A Special Correspondent

Kent 15 Surrey 30

Surrey dictated much of this game, particularly in the loose, but a late second half rally by the Kent pack made a closer contest of it, although by then they faced a lead too big to overhaul.

Surrey scored first. A penalty on the half way line was driven 30 yards through the Kent side by Bates; he passed to the centre, Hoolahan, who fed the ball back inside to Hydleman on the wing for a try converted by Pritchard.

Minutes later a Surrey heel against the head saw a superb break by Thornton, who fed to Hydleman for a switch pass to Andrews, who scored a try. Then a Kent kick ahead [illegible] the defence napping. Good attacking by Thornton again put Hoolahan away for a try. Pritchard converted.

At this stage the honours were equal in the scrummages and lineouts, but with Surrey faster and more superior in loose play. Kent's reply, late in coming, was a penalty goal by Bodenham on his second attempt, a Surrey player having moved at the first. Shortly after this Pritchard kicked a penalty, making the half time score three points to 19.

I nthe second half, Surrey continued to dominate the loose and from a Kent infringement at a maul Pritchard kicked another penalty. Poor Kent defence enabled the talented Thornton to score a try himself. Surrey began to play fast, open, controlled rugby.

KENT: P. Lett (St Joseph's Academy); G. Walters (Eaglesfield), R. Bodenham (Brockley), J. Slater (Chislehurst and Sidcup GS), K. O'Shea (St Joseph's Academy); D. Slator (Chislehurst and Sidcup GS), D. Letchford (Chatham House); M. Millor (Skinners), L. Howes (Cray Valley), H. Robson (Aske's), C. Mayle (Crown Woods), G. Boardman (Gillingham), T. Hennossy (St Joseph's Academy), S. Peot (St Mary's), C. Field (Judd).

SURREY: R. Andrews (Wandsworth); S. Moriarty (Wallington), R. Hoolahan (Reigate), C. Scudamore (Wandsworth), J. Hydleman (Stowe), J. Thornton (Dulwich), C. Pritchard (Esher), H. Bates (Reigate), S. Jones (Reigate), A. Davies (Kingston Tech), R. Thomas (Glynn), P. Mulchrone (St George's Weybridge), P. Weston (Wallington), D. Hall (Whitgift), B. Morris (Radley).

Referee: M. Heath (Kent Society).

Eastern Counties slip off the hook

By Peter Marson

Eastern Counties 6 Middlesex 3

Eastern Counties Schoolboys won a narrow victory by a goal, to a penalty goal, against Middlesex in a vigorous, well-fought match on Ilford Wanderers' ground yesterday. This was the first of a series of games to be played during the Christmas holidays. Kent are Eastern Counties' opponents on Monday next, and Surrey on New Year's Day. Middlesex take on Surrey and then Kent.

As the dark clouds hustled by overhead someone said that we were lucky that the rain had held off, and this was true, for the ground was already boggy in parts. But, perhaps, a lessening in the strength of the wind would have been greater appreciated, for its force directed tactics, and in the main restricted play to one half of the field.

It gave the place kickers a sickening time, and in this sphere Thomas and Middlesex suffered most. With the wind at his back in the first half, Thomas had given Middlesex the lead with a simple penalty goal from in front of the posts when Counties had fallen off-side in the centre of the field following a ruck on their 25. It had been his only success from three attempts before half-time. In the first minute of the second half Thomas's failure to send the ball between the uprights from 15 yards out and in front of the posts may have allowed Counties to slip off the hook.

Counties fielded a big XV, fore and aft, but in another sense they were not as strong as their bulk suggested. Individually Fosh, Brooker and Coleridge had their moments, and Kelleher took his chance well to lay the foundation to Counties' try scored by Brooker and nicely converted from the touchline by Coleridge. But, as a combination Middlesex seemed better organized and more in tune. Rafferty and Crame played well at half back, and Bryan, providing inspiration in the centre, must have been satisfied with the unceasing effort of a hard-working pack of forwards.

EASTERN COUNTIES SCHOOLBOYS: M. A. Coleridge (Gresham's, captain); P. Sherliker (St Joseph's), N. Caven (St Joseph's), A. Lucy (Perse), N. J. Brooker (Denes, Lowestoft); M. K. Fosh (Harrow), D. Stephens (Clacton-on-Sea HS); J. Flint (Gresham's), T. Lee (Langdon CS), N. Slate (Mark Hall, Harlow), M. V. Foulkes-Arnold (Deacons), N. Baker (Ampleforth), S. Kelleher (Woolverstone Hall), D. Rusted (Ipswich), T. J. Rollit-Mason (Stowe).

MIDDLESEX: S. J. Gwyther (Mill Hill); D. Wainwright (UCS), D. Laulfer (UCS), T. Bryan (Hampton GS, captain), S. G. Thomas (St Paul's); M. Rafferty (Gunnersbury Catholic GS), N. Crame (Haberdashers' Aske's); T. Jones (Mill Hill), P. D. Mothersill (St Paul's), P. McDaid (Christ's Hospital), K. Prosser-Jones (Haberdashers' Aske's), N. Irving (Harrow Weald), O. Chan (Haberdashers' Aske's), A. McClelland (St Nicholas GS), A. Cornish (Haberdashers' Aske's).

Referee: P. J. Wakefield (London).

Dalglish doubtful for match with Kilmarnock

Rangers and Celtic face Ayrshire opponents in the Scottish League today. Leaders and champions for nine years, Celtic are away to Kilmarnock; Rangers, two points behind their great rivals, are at home to Ayr United.

Celtic beat Kilmarnock 5—0 in Glasgow in August, but Kilmarnock, who are managed by a former Celtic player, Willie Fernie, are not without hopes of halting Jock Stein's men. In August Celtic's last four goals were not scored until the last 10 minutes and last week Kilmarnock led Dundee United 4—0 before letting United score three quick goals.

Celtic have a slight fitness doubt about their striker, Dalglish; Kilmarnock will be unchanged.

Rangers beaten 4—3 by the part-time Airdrieonians last wek, are almost certain to make changes. Quintin Young, the former Coventry City player, will have a test on a bruised foot to see if he can face Ayr. Seventh in the league, Ayr will be unchanged.

Hibernian, only two points behind Rangers and still challenging for the title, will again be unchanged for Aberdeen's visit.

Squash rackets

COVENTRY: British junior championship, second round: P. Kenyon beat R. M. H. Moss, 9—4, 9—5, 9—0; S. Flynn beat M. N. Hunt, 9—2, 9—7, 9—6; I. Heddle beat A. Cobb, 9—0, 9—0, 9—0; S. Trevor beat D. R. Thornett, 6—9, 9—5, 9—0, 9—7; M. Wise beat S. M. Chan, 9—5, 9—3, 10—8; J. P. Rowe beat A. Marquis, 4—9, 9—3, 9—1, 9—4; [illegible] Briars beat M. C. Rowson, 9—2, 9—5, 9—2; P. Hughes beat J. P. Cook, 9—4, 9—4, 9—1; P. H. Chaplin beat S. C. Lewis, 9—5, 9—3, 9—0, 9—3; A. Dwyer beat R. Le Lievre, 9—2, 9—0, 9—1; R. Lakin-Hall beat C. Yerbry, 9—0, 9—1, 9—1; A. Clarkson beat D. Banks, 9—1, 9—1, 9—0; D. M. H. Phillips beat P. M. G. Collis, 9—2, 9—6, 9—6; A. Holland beat J. Guyatt, 9—6, 3—9, 9—3, 10—8; M. H. Nicholson beat N. Preston, 9—1, 9—0, 9—0; J. R. Le Lievre beat J. H. Leach, 9—1, 10—8, 9—7.

Where a good footballer must also be a good citizen and his manager somebody special

There is no team like the Glasgow Rangers

"The Rangers manager, by image, was somebody apart from ordinary mortals—proud by nature, remote by character, respected by all, completely wrapped up in the image and good name of the club. A somewhat ghostly figure who commanded from his eyrie at the top of the marble staircase." The words are those of Willie Waddell. He wrote them in the *Scottish Daily Express* in November, 1969, the day after the Rangers had dismissed David White, the "boy David", who, Waddell wrote, was unfit to manage this Goliath of a club. Six days later, Waddell was appointed in his place. He is the Rangers' fifth manager in its 101 year history.

The heads of an elk and a bison glare at each other across the top of the marble staircase in the Rangers' main stand at Ibrox Park, Glasgow. The stand was erected in 1928 and contains some of the finest examples of art deco surviving in Scotland. One does not expect to find art deco at a football club, but the Rangers are not like any other football club. They are the patricians of Scottish football, with a tradition no other club can match; the club insists on a code of conduct from its members, on and off the field, that no other club could enforce. Every Saturday, as the players take the field, they know they are representing the Protestant faith, the Masonic ideal; and enormous crowds come to watch them do it. Rangers are the visible symbol of a method of thought, a way of life, and they embody a concept of total authority.

"Rangers were built on discipline and character. . . . Rangers were great and something special every day of the week. Their conduct, their demeanour, had to be exemplary. So the man at the head of that empire had to be something special." Willie Waddell is something special. He played for the Rangers for 18 years as a winger, before taking on the managership of Kilmarnock in 1957 and guiding them to their first ever championship in 1965. In the hour of his triumph he resigned, and joined the *Express* as a sports writer. He turned down the Scotland managership when it was offered, turned away approaches from the Rangers on two occasions, and refused offers from Sunderland, Manchester City and Wolverhampton. Only when the Rangers came for him in 1969 did he accept. "It was the only job I really wanted to do. But you can't handle the Rangers job purely on football ability. You must be young, able, and experienced enough in every walk of life. In 1969 I was ready."

In 1970 Rangers took the League Cup off Celtic, the first trophy they had won in four years, and in 1972 they won the European Cup Winners' Cup in Barcelona. Again Waddell chose a moment of victory to resign, handing over team affairs to his coach, Jock Wallace, and assuming the title of general manager for himself. Within a year his foresight was rewarded, and he was given a seat on the board of directors when Matthew Taylor took over as chairman.

"I resigned from Kilmarnock because the game was developing in a way that I did not like. The individual was getting bigger than the club. Waddell was getting too much publicity. This is a continuing threat in football, and it was happening at Rangers when I arrived. Certain individuals had to be scotched." Willie Henderson and Jim Baxter both shaved off their moustaches the day Waddell arrived, but it did not save them.

In the next two years Waddell replaced all the training staff but one, and reduced the number of professionals from 44 to 29. "I like to keep tight with numbers. You can give them more individual attention if there are fewer of them, you can attend to their characters as well as their football skill. I don't base my judgment of players purely on their performance on the field. They must be good citizens, good characters as well as good footballers. Before I buy a player I always make sure that he has the standard of conduct that we expect. Some boys learn from their fathers; we have Eric Caldow's son here, and Ralph Brand's."

The man Waddell most admires is Bill Struth. He managed the Rangers from 1920 to 1954, the last eight years with half a leg amputated. "When Struth spoke, your knees knocked. He was able to demand from his players things that we cannot demand today. Players have lost their sense of tradition, but we try as much as possible. They want managers who will train with them, talk about pop music with them." Waddell's distaste for this sort of activity is a clear motive behind his moving to general manager, where he can fine players who are seen with socks rolled down, or shirts outside shorts.

Naturally the ruthless way that tradition is invoked has its result on the field. The Rangers playing tradition has always been based on strength and intimidation. Visiting teams find that the pegs in their dressing room are deliberately placed 6ft 6in off the ground, so they feel small before they even go out to brave the Rangers crowd. To stand in that crowd in this age of *catenaccio* and total football is to be transported back to Wolverhampton in the 1950s. Waddell plays with three small orthodox wingers, Tom McLean, Jim McKean, and Cutty Young, who hare to the byline just as he used to, and boot the ball over to the far post where a centre forward in the heroic mould, Derek Parlane, throws himself about like a caber in an effort to poke it into the net.

Each player in the team has a well-defined role. Unlike his friend Harry Catterick, Waddell does believe in the modern orthodoxy which states that every player should possess every skill.

One modern tendency that Waddell has not spurned is capitalizing on fringe activities that a club with a name like the Rangers can cash in on. Under Waddell, the Rangers empire has expanded, till it penetrates into most of the leisure activities of the faithful. He founded the *Rangers News*, a weekly paper with a circulation nudging 40,000. The Rangers Social Club is the top billing in the West of Scotland for any entertainer. And the Rangers Pool is the largest club pool in the world, with a turnover of nearly £2m.

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Waddell believes that if the team continue to live and play according to the traditional virtues, success will follow, for "in that word tradition lies the secret and power of the Rangers". But the question remains—will victory, if it comes, be sweet enough to justify the years in which the tradition has been worshipped, but the Rangers have been second best ?

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32	16½	Bayer	£16½	+½	136	[illegible]	17.1
855	540	Commerzbank	565	+5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
27½	12¼	Cp Fr Paris	£15¾	+1½	91.4	[illegible]	[illegible]
40	25	Fiat	[illegible]	+½	172	4.1	
385	200	Hoechst	315	+5	14.3	4.3	21.0
85	20	Montecatini E	35	..			
17½	10¼	NESO NV	£10¼	..	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
467	312	Robeco	405	+15	29.5	[illegible]	[illegible]
300	202	Rolinco Subs	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.2	[illegible]	[illegible]
240	75	Snia Viscosa	140	..	[illegible]	[illegible]	
405	290	Thyssen-Huette	315	+5	16.6	[illegible]	[illegible]
28½	19½	Volkswagen	£21½	+½	..	..	

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1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
11½	6½	Brascan	[illegible]	..	43.9	6.2	4.3
10¼	3½	BP Canada	£6	..			
930	687	Can Pac Ord	930	• +5	37.2	3.8	14.1
11	5⅛	El Paso	[illegible]	[illegible]	41.7	5.6	13.9
53⅝	37¼	Exxon Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]			
21½	8¼	Fluor	£11⅝	• +¼	8.6	0.6	30.5
28	14¼	Hollinger	£16¼	+¾			
30⅞	11½	Hud Bay Oil	£12⅞	+⅛	25.9	2.3	23.2
15¾	8	Husky Oil	[illegible]	+¼			
835	125	Int Hldgs	445	+10	13.4	3.0	
32⅞	12	Int Nickel	[illegible]	+½	59.3	4.1	10.7
14⅛	5⅜	IU Int	[illegible]	[illegible]	35.7	5.9	6.2
14¼	5½	Kaiser Alum	[illegible]	..	41.9	4.4	..
13⅝	7⅝	Massey-Ferg	[illegible]	-¼	32.9	3.4	6.8
23	9⅛	Pacific Petrol	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	..	..
905	445	Pan Canadian	542	+22	..	..	..
139	31	Steep Rock	33	+2	..	..	..
793⅛	453⅛	Trans Can P	605	..	..	..	..
28⅝	13	US Steel	[illegible]	+⅛	..	..	..
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10	2	Allen H & Ross	£2	..	5.2	2.6	..
430	95	Arb-Latham	105	..	10.5	10.0	5.0
450	110	Aust & NZ	150	..	11.0b	7.5	4.3
37½	24½	Bk Hapoalim	30	..	1.0	3.4	8.0
433¾	175	Bk of Ireland	190	..	20.0	10.5	2.1
33	22	Bk Leumi Israel	22	..	1.4	6.2	4.7
315	163½	Bk Leumi UK	180	..	10.0	5.5	11.6
740	240	Bk of NSW	400	..	17.4	4.3	9.0
27⅜	13½	Bk of N Scotia	£25⅛	• ..	57.0	2.3	27.1
352	105	Bk of Scotland	110	..	12.4	11.3	3.8
26⅜	18⅛	Bks Trst NY	£21⅛	..	128	5.9	8.2
468	110	Barclays Bank	115	..	11.8	10.0	2.6
33	17	Bates E Hldgs	19	..	7.5	39.3	1.9
370	65	Brown Shipley	75	..	10.5b	14.1	3.5
174	14	Burston Grp	16	..	5.0	31.0	1.7
410	95	Cater Ryder	110	..	11.0	10.0	..
90	11	Cedar Hldgs	13	f ..	2.0	15.4	6.6
31⅛	10⅛	Chase Man	£18⅛	+¼	101	5.6	9.3
28⅛	14⅛	Citicorp	[illegible]	+1¼	33.6	..	22.6
295	105	Com Bk of Aust	172	..	8.7b	5.1	9.8
245	100	Com Bk of Syd	150	..	7.4	4.9	9.0
22	13¼	C C De France	£18	..	55.0	3.2	15.3
100	3½	First Nat Fin	4	..	2.9	71.9	0.5
57	6	Fraser Ans	7	..	1.1b	16.1	4.8
380	175	Gerrard & Nat	180	..	17.0	9.5	11.6
326	23	Gibbs A.	24	..	2.3	10.4	7.9
400	55	Gillett Bros	65	..	2.5	3.8	..
265	62	Guinness Peat	65	..	10.6	16.2	3.3
57	7	Ham bros £10	£7	..	109b	15.5	..
505	60	Do Ord	66	..	10.9b	16.5	2.5
199½	26	Hill Samuel	26	..	4.9	18.8	2.4
335¼	106	Hong K & Shang	124	+4	5.2b	4.2	13.9
365	220	Israel Brit	220	f ..	15.0	6.8	4.5
190	43	Jessel Toynbee	43	..	5.2	12.1	..

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825	615	[illegible] Rly	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
29	8	Antofagasta	[illegible]	..			
12	11	Calcutta Elec	15	..			
47	24½	E Surrey W 7%	£29½	..	500	[illegible]	
49	25½	Essex Wtr 3½%	£25½	..	500	19.6	
270	50	Felixstowe Dock	90	..	4.9	[illegible]	[illegible]
369	190	Imp Cont Gas	125	..	10.2	[illegible]	[illegible]
471	115	LAT Hldgs	130	• ..	[illegible]	[illegible]	
47½	25	Mid Kent Wtr	£25	..	500	[illegible]	
170	48	Milford Docks	40	..			
97	35	Nigerian Elec	65	..	[illegible]		
372	230	Perak Riv Hydro	[illegible]	..	24.5	[illegible]	[illegible]
48	25	Sunderlnd Wtr	£25½	..	500	13.9	..

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Gold price rises to record $195½ ahead of private American buying

By Tim Congdon

Gold rose to record levels in the London bullion market yesterday. It closed at $195½, up $3 from its last quote on Christmas eve.

Although conditions were described by dealers as thin, there was still a surprising amount of business in view of the Christmas holiday period.

Buying was encouraged by expectations that there will be a burst of speculative interest from January 1 when United States citizens are allowed to own the metal.

However, Senator William Proxmire, who is expected to be the next chairman of the Senate banking committee which handles gold legislation, also said yesterday that he will seek legislation in the next Congress requiring the United States Treasury to sell 25 million ounces of gold during 1975.

Senator Proxmire described the present government plan to sell only two million ounces on January 6 as "far too feeble". It would not halt the speculative momentum which has already developed.

If Senator Proxmire's proposals were accepted by Congress, the sale of 25 million ounces on the free market would have a significant effect on the price.

Annual world production of gold is between 35 and 40 million ounces. The Soviet Union has in recent years sold further substantial amounts.

Two of the largest United States commercial banks have said they will not initially take part in buying and selling gold. Spokesmen for the Bank of America and the First National City Bank referred to the costs associated with transactions in the metal, as well as the serious investment risks, as factors deterring them from participation in the market.

The Bank of America, the world's largest bank, also said that it would not make loans for the purchase of gold or accept gold as collateral for loans.

However, both banks stressed that their decision not to deal in gold had only been taken for the time being. In the long term they might be interested in acting as intermediaries in the gold market.

Another bank, Manufacturers Hanover, said that it had "studied the matter and a number of proposals have been made to us, but at this point we are not inclined to participate in any of them".

United States Treasury officials have long insisted that gold should be treated as a commodity like any other, and the government's decision to permit private ownership of the metal is in accordance with this belief.

But the latest announcements suggest also that the authorities are determined to prevent a rush into gold in the new year and to keep the price fairly stable.

In an interview in the latest issue of the *International Currency Review*, Dr Nicolaas Diederichs, the South African Minister of Finance, said that he did not foresee gold being officially revalued. The price of gold would rise, he said, but only in the free market.

When questioned on the attitude of the American government he said that, "the only real danger to buyers of gold is that the United States Treasury might decide to place more of their gold on the international market. My own personal view is that it is probable that they might do that, but on a very small scale—to dampen the market".

Kuwait reassures UK on oil and investment

Kuwait, Dec 27.—Mr Abdul Rahman al-Atiqi, Oil Minister, has announced that Kuwait will never reduce oil production to the point it hurts the United States or Britain. These two countries "are the best and most secure places for Kuwaiti investments", he said.

In a news conference at his home, Mr al-Atiqi indicated also that his government was not in a hurry to nationalize foreign oil company interests in Kuwait.

"Owning the companies is a secondary issue now and selling our oil through participation agreements is much better than nationalization", he declared.

Kuwait owns 60 per cent of foreign oil company operations on its soil, which now pump 2.6 million barrels of crude a day. This will provide an annual income estimated at around $8,000m (about £3,478m) this year.

The government has never given the amount of its surplus revenue or where it is invested; but Mr al-Atiqi admitted that a substantial portion went to the United States and Britain.

He said: "Switzerland imposed heavy taxes, in Germany and France it was too difficult to invest money and in Japan investments by foreigners were forbidden.

"This leaves the United States and the United Kingdom as the best and most secure places for Kuwaiti investment of surplus income abroad", he said.

"We shall not and must not reduce oil production to a limit where this reduction might harm the interests of these nations."

Mr al-Atiqi indicated that Kuwait would continue to seek higher oil prices to compensate for inflation. "We can only ask for higher prices for our oil in order to adapt our resources to our needs", he said.

The soaring prices of manufactured goods had led to an increased Kuwaiti budget because the purchasing value of the dollar was about half of what it was two years ago.

Mr al-Atiqi said that Kuwait's commitment to the Arab world and military expenditures had also contributed to the budget increase. This was an apparent reference to Kuwait's promise to help finance the military needs of Egypt and Syria in any new war against Israel.

Returning to Kuwait investments, Mr al-Atiqi repeatedly stressed the safety factor of money invested in Britain and America.

Texaco reports 'significant' North Sea find

"A significant discovery" in United Kingdom waters approximately 116-miles north-east of Aberdeen, was announced yesterday by Texaco in block 15/16. A test well flowed at a rate of 7,246 barrels a day, a spokesman said.

Higher levy: Venezuela has announced its intention to increase oil company taxes again next month in line with a recent agreement by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. An extra $1 a barrel has been mentioned.

How the markets moved

The Times index : 64.15 +0.15
FT index : 159.6 +0.8

Rises

Beecham Grp	1p to 123p	Nash, J. F., Secs	6p to 27p
De Beers Defd	4p to 180p	Pan Canadian	22p to 542p
Dunlop Hldgs	1p to 22p	Philips Lamp	10p to 590p
Fisons	3p to 163p	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1p to 16p
Highlds Low	2p to 34p	Shell	1p to 127p
Imp Chem Inds	2p to 123p	Spillers	1½p to 21½p
MIM Hldgs	4p to 134p	Warren, J.	5p to 105p

Falls

Broken Hill	13p to 475p	Ldn Brick Co	1p to 17p
Bryant Hldgs	1p to 13p	Lloyds Bank	1p to 97p
Com Union	2p to 74p	Raybeck	1½p to 21p
Doncaster, D.	2p to 22p	Royal	4p to 130p
Grootvlei	10p to 350p	Sale Tilney	3p to 40p
Hall, M.	3p to 44p	Taylor Woodrow	4p to 82p
Janes, H. C.	5p to 62p	Western Areas	10p to 620p

Equities were inactive with business at a low level.

Gilt-edged securities were quiet.

Sterling jumped 135 points to 2.3420. The "effective devaluation" rate was 21.5 per cent.

Gold rose $3 to a new all time high of $195.50.

Commodities: Very few markets were open. In the London Bullion Market silver rose throughout the day in unison with gold. Spot was fixed at 208.90p in the morning—up 3.95p—and closed in the range of 205.00-209.00p a troy ounce. Reuter's index was at a new 1974 low, falling 2.4 to 1,175.2 compared with 1,378.0 a year ago.

SDR = $ was 1.219190 on Friday while SDR = £ was 0.521690.

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Leading US economic indicators in 1.5pc drop

Washington, Dec 27.—America's composite index of leading economic indicators declined by 1.5 per cent in November to 166.9 per cent of the 1967 average, the Commerce Department announced today. It was the fourth consecutive monthly decline in the index.

Also, the October decline initially reported as 1.3 per cent was revised downward to 1.9 per cent.

Six of the eight available indicators for November declined while two improved.

There were decreases in the average work week; initial claims for unemployment insurance; new orders for durables; plant and equipment orders; industrial materials prices, and building permits.

The ratio of price-to-unit labour costs and stock prices showed increases.

Trade deficit: United States merchandise imports exceeded exports by a seasonally adjusted $113m (nearly £49m) last month, the Commerce Department announced.

The November trade deficit follows an unexpected surplus of $29.4m in October and compared with a surplus of $194.5m a year earlier.

The deficit for the January-November period was $2,430m compared with a surplus of $768m for the corresponding period last year.

Imports of crude oil and petroleum products declined in November to 185.3 million barrels, which cost $2,120m from 191.8 million barrels in October at a cost of $2,180m.

Although the United States had a trade deficit in November, the Commerce Department said, the November seasonally adjusted exports total of $9,060m was a record, exceeding the previous high of $8,660m set the month before.

The Commerce Department said the November trade figures, when calculated on the basis used by most other nations, showed a deficit of $709m compared with October's $544.7m deficit.—AP-Dow Jones.

More ships ordered by Arabs

By Peter Hill

Leading oil-producing countries in the Middle East are showing increasing interest in acquiring both tanker and dry cargo tonnage. Yesterday Hyundai Shipbuilding and Heavy Industries, of South Korea, said it had received orders valued at $80m (£34.7m) from Kuwait Shipping Co for construction of five general cargo ships each of 23,200 tons deadweight.

All five vessels are scheduled for delivery by August, 1977.

The latest package follows ten contracts placed by the same company with Hyundai last month in a deal worth $156m. The ships involved have been designed by Govan Shipbuilders, which received seven similar orders from the Kuwait company soon after Govan was established, for delivery this year and next.

Meanwhile, another Kuwait shipping concern, Arab Maritime Petroleum Transportation Co has asked the Oslo-based shipbroking firm of R. S. Platou to arrange the purchase of seven supertankers for Arab oil-producing countries.

According to Platou's director, Mr Jan Quale, the Kuwait-based tanker company wants to buy three tankers with a further four destined for another unnamed Arab country.

Retailers fear slump after record seasonal sales

By David Young

Retail groups are preparing for a marked fall in sales after their record Christmas and an unexpectedly buoyant start to the winter sales.

Most groups report sales at record levels during the Christmas rush, but already buying patterns are reflecting the economic climate.

The John Lewis Partnership, with branches throughout the country, has found that sales of "practical" goods have risen, while the purely luxury items are slower to sell than in the past. Do-it-yourself equipment and dressmaking materials and fabrics have been among the top lines.

Fabrics were in good demand yesterday on the first day of the winter sale at Liberty's in Regent Street. Despite being one of the few stores in central London open—most had opened on Christmas Eve and were closed yesterday—business was "exceptional".

Selfridge's sale also opened yesterday, with customers filling the store.

Midland workers press Chrysler for urgent discussions on threat of three-day working

By Clifford Webb

Shop stewards at Chrysler's Midland car plants are to press for an urgent meeting with the management after reports from Scotland suggesting that all the group's car factories would be put on a three-day week next month. This could mean short-time working for 15,000 out of a total labour force of 28,000.

Three-day working throughout January has already been announced for the bulk of the company's 7,000-strong Scottish labour force.

Yesterday a Chrysler spokesman said: "I cannot confirm or deny reports that our Coventry plants are going on to short-time when the men return from their extended Christmas break. But I suppose such a move would not be unexpected as our Scottish and Midland plants depend upon each other for many of their components."

Workers at Linwood, Renfrewshire, and Ryton and Stoke, in the Coventry area are not due to return to work until January 6 because of a combination of extra Christmas holidays and official layoffs.

Shop stewards from all three plants had arranged to meet the management two days after the restart to discuss production cutbacks already enforced. Last night, however, Coventry shop stewards said the matter was now much more urgent and they would press for a meeting early next week.

Production at Ryton is down from a peak of 3,500 cars a week to 2,500 and at Linwood, from 2,200 to 1,700 a week. Despite this stocks of unsold cars are piling up.

A Ryton shop steward said last night: "We believe the decision has already been made to put us all on a three-day week. The announcement was made early in Scotland because they do not celebrate Christmas like we do.

"I think in their case management wanted to get it over with before the new year. In our case, and apparently in line with a lot of other Midland companies, Chrysler has put off the evil day until after Christmas.

"Coming on top of the news that 700 white-collar workers are to be made redundant, we are now clearly worried about the jobs of the lads on the shop floor."

Chrysler's Scottish cutback is the most severe yet by a British motor manufacturer. But there are growing fears in the industry that even larger lay-offs and redundancies will follow early next year.

Vauxhall is generally thought to be the most exposed after Chrysler, and, despite the injection of government finance, British Leyland's chances of avoiding lay-offs are growing slimmer by the week.

Industry sources said last night that December sales of new cars will be 33 per cent down on December, 1972. The comparison is made with December, 1972, because December 1973, was an abnormally poor month, overshadowed by the oil supply crisis.

Over 1974 as a whole, home sales will be 23 per cent down, with new car registrations of 1,260,000 compared with nearly 1,700,000 last year.

But it is the increasingly gloomy 1975 outlook which is forcing the motor industry and its suppliers to make urgent cuts in production and manpower. Car stocks are reported to be getting out of hand at Chrysler and Vauxhall.

Ford has been helped by its industrial troubles, which left it short of stocks throughout the year. But even at Ford there are signs that the most successful British-based carmaker in recent years is now battening down the hatches for a hard year ahead.

British Leyland is in a similar position. It too has been protected from the immediacy of the present recession by a shortage of its Austin-Morris popular car range because of strikes.

French warning: The situation facing the French car industry threatened to become catastrophic if sales continued to fall and the government failed to help the industry, Mr Joseph Rius, management spokesman for Chrysler France SA, said in Paris yesterday.

Government measures Chrysler wished to see included an easing of credit to stimulate new and used car sales, a more flexible taxation system in the car industry and harmonization of the government's employment policy, according to Reuter.

Chrysler France's production next year is expected to show a 26.5 per cent fall to 468,000 units compared with 1974. Domestic sales could be about 26 per cent down and exports 22 per cent down.

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Grim outlook for car component suppliers

By R. W. Shakespeare

With many thousands of workers in the motor and components industries taking extended holidays over the Christmas and new year period, most plants were at a standstill yesterday. Some will remain halted until well into January. Many have had three or four extra layoff days added to their normal five-day break.

The recession which overtook the motor manufacturers both at home and abroad in the weeks before Christmas shows no sign of easing and there are forecasts from many quarters that the worst is yet to come.

So far most of the components firms have tried to meet the situation by announcements of short-time working and reduced production schedules. Plans for direct redundancies have mostly been confined to white-collar workers at car plants.

However, with the prospect of four or even three-day working in some major car plants after the holidays, the outlook for the industry's suppliers—there are 2,000 or so in a wide range of industrial sectors—is particularly grim.

While the unions will undoubtedly press the employers' organizations and the Government for "work sharing" policies through short time rather than direct labour cuts, it is doubtful whether some of the leading components suppliers can avoid redundancy announcements for long.

Essentially the difference between the situation now and the three-day week arising from the power crisis last year is that firms were then trying to achieve maximum production within the permitted working time, while production levels now are having to be trimmed to match falling demand.

Building societies merger 'cannot now go through'

A proposed merger of the Bournemouth & Christchurch Building Society with the larger Portman Building Society cannot now go through, it was claimed today by Mr Jim Rowland-Jones a shareholder with the smaller society.

He said that he now had the support of 1,500 members who were against the merger. This meant that the Bournemouth & Christchurch board could not obtain the 75 per cent vote needed to approve the merger.

In a letter delivered to the directors of Bournemouth & Christchurch, Mr Rowland-Jones points out that the merger could not now be carried and adds: "I consider it would be an irresponsible action of the chairman to try to delay the outcome of this issue".

Directors of the Bournemouth & Christchurch intend to attempt to adjourn until January 16 a meeting planned for next Monday when the society's merger plan is due to be considered.

The directors say that they need time to make a proper reply to a circular sent out by Mr Rowland-Jones.

Travel bond demands hit small agents

By Patricia Tisdall

Many more small tour operating firms are expected to drop out of the travel business because they cannot meet the Civil Aviation Authority's tougher bonding requirements designed to protect customers in the event of financial failure.

The increases, which come into effect on April 1, mean that travel organizers have to set aside 10 or 15 per cent of their projected turnover (depending on whether or not they are members of the industry's trade association) to fulfil the bond.

Several companies had difficulty in finding the resources to cover the last increase which has applied since September. Although the new rates were forecast at that time there is expected to be a drop in the level of applicants because of this and also as a result of the expected fall in holiday traffic next year.

The bonding system came under criticism after the collapse of the Court Line group. Although funds were adequate to repatriate stranded holidaymakers they were not sufficient to reimburse clients who had not yet travelled.

Meanwhile the larger and better established holiday organizers are reporting a high level of advance bookings for next year. Poor weather in Britain this summer has encouraged many people to book their holidays abroad next year, according to one expert.

British Airways, which with Sovereign and Enterprise inclusive holidays is one of the largest in the field, says its research shows that holidays have taken over from cars as the top priority for family spending.

In the week ending December 19 the number of inclusive holiday bookings through British Airways was more than 50 per cent up on last year. Demand for holidays is expected to decline less than for other consumer items.

Guarded optimism by air transport head

From Alan McGregor
Geneva, Dec 27

In his year-end review of the state of the air transport industry, Mr Knut Hammarskjoeld, director general of the International Air Transport Association, says the very fact that companies are managing to weather the global economic storm without a complete collapse shows their inherent resilience.

He sees reasons for guarded optimism in the year ahead and beyond. The immediate priority with the airlines is no longer expansion but consolidation, looking towards a more controlled growth when conditions stabilize.

The industry, he points out, has already started its belt tightening. On the North Atlantic route, for example, a 7 per cent decrease in passenger traffic had been matched by a 9 per cent reduction in capacity.

Also, governments had adopted more realistic approaches towards regulation of the airlines, such as capacity agreements and prompt reaction to provide for fare increases.

Mr Hammarskjoeld says the quadrupling of oil prices and inflated costs have created a situation where fuel and wages now represent together about 60 per cent of operating expenditures.

Although the year saw the "most drastic fare increases in the history of air transport"—up to 30 per cent on some routes—most companies were expected to show deficits.

This was in conjunction with a sudden drop in the traditional growth pattern. IATA carriers' charter traffic was 13 per cent down and their scheduled passenger traffic rose by only 3 per cent during the year, the lowest growth ever experienced.

Cargo traffic, he said, was forecast to show only a 6 per cent rise.

Japan Air Lines retaining Concorde option for year

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Japan Air Lines has decided to retain its option to buy the Concorde supersonic airliner for at least a further year.

JAL has reserved options on three of the 1,350 mph, Anglo-French aircraft. The airline said in Tokyo yesterday that it had recently signed a letter of agreement with the French partners in the project, Aérospatiale, to extend these options until the end of 1975.

The original agreement with Aérospatiale and the British Aircraft Corporation was signed by JAL in September, 1965. Before the latest renewal, JAL had extended its options to buy on eight occasions.

JAL has been dissatisfied with Concorde with regard to noise, economics, range and payload; but Aérospatiale, in completing the latest extension of option, has undertaken to make new offers to meet at least some of these requirements by the spring.

According to Japanese aerospace industry sources, the price of each Concorde has gone up by about 15 per cent due to inflation. The last stated figure was £23m.

This, coupled with the delayed opening of a new international airport to serve Tokyo, could defer still further a final decision on whether JAL would buy supersonic transports.

British Airways, with five, and Air France, with four, are the only two airlines so far to put in firm orders for Concordes although Iran Air and the airline of the Republic of China have both taken options

Mr Marsh says BR could save £54m

By Roger Vielvoye

British Rail could make savings of between £54m and £68m on the cost of providing new locomotives and rolling stock if it was allowed to pursue a long term buying policy, according to Mr Richard Marsh, the chairman of British Railways Board.

Twelve major material suppliers to the railways were asked what reductions in price would be given in return for five year supply contracts.

In an article in the National Coal Board's publication, *Coal and Energy Quarterly*, Mr Marsh said the average reduction offered was over 5 per cent which would have cut the total cost of new vehicles by about 3.5 per cent. However, the board could not offer five year contracts.

"Apply savings of that magnitude throughout the railway business and then include the rest of the nationalized industries, and the waste that must be occurring is enormous" Mr Marsh writes.

"It would be unacceptable even if Britain could afford the cash, which it cannot. It is inexcusable when there are a hundred and one projects awaiting investment before they can get off the ground."

Mr Marsh said the railways were reaping the harvest sown by the refusal of successive governments to consider the country's transport requirements for more than a short time ahead.

None of the five-year investment plans the Railways Board had produced had remained intact for more than six months because of the conflict between the short term problems of government and the long term objectives of the Railways Board.

To make matters worse, during the past decade the industry's remit from the state had been an over-simplified commercial one "and so we have suffered all the agonies of mass closures and consequent redundancies". Despite his gloomy view of the present state of the industry, Mr Marsh is optimistic about the future. With the world becoming [illegible] need to conserve its resources, the railway could be at the beginning of a second railway age.

Interest rates fall unlikely

Short-term interest rates in London are not expected to decline in the near future, according to the latest *Williams and Glyn's Monthly Review*. Britain seems, therefore, to be moving against the trend of falling interest rates abroad.

The review attributes this to the authorities' need to maintain a pattern of interest rates sufficiently attractive to prevent a large outflow of short-term capital. It notes that the pound has been unsettled in foreign exchange markets by the record visible trade deficit and concern over Arab investment policy.

The review says that European interest rates did not show a clear trend in the month to mid-December, although the underlying conditions suggested a continuing downward movement.

Fisons' chief heads CBI overseas committee

Mr George Burton, chairma of Fisons, has been appointe chairman of the Confederatio of British Industry's enlarge overseas committee, which wa formed by merging the forme overseas and overseas invest ment committees. Sir Dere Ezra, chairman of the Nationa Coal Board and Sir Jame Barker, chairman of Unigate are to be deputy chairmen.

The committee is expected t become involved in such issue as the European Economic Com munity's negotiating stance i the General Agreement o Tariffs and Trade talks.

Occidental names Saudi buyer of $9m stake

Occidental Petroleum Corpor ation has confirmed that M Ghaith Pharaon, an Aral businessman, had purchase about one million Occidenta common shares. The deal wa disclosed earlier this month, bu the buyer was not named.

A report from a Middle Eas publication said that M Pharaon, who heads the Saud Arabian Research and Develop ment Co, had paid about $9n (about £4m) for the stock.

Yarrow chairman's plea

Specialist warship builders Yarrow (Shipbuilders), one o the companies listed for nation alization, will press the Govern ment to preserve the company expertise. In a newsletter, Si Eric Yarrow, the chairman, saic he would stress the importanc of the human element in th formulation of takeover plans.

French bonds for Iran

Iran intends to buy $80n (nearly £35m) worth of Frencl government bonds, probably i the form of a loan to the French Electricity Utility, an officia at the Prime Minister's office told Reuter in Paris.

Pan Am speculation

A spokesman for Pa American World Airways sai he could neither confirm o deny a French press repor that Iran was negotiating t buy a majority share in th financially troubled airline.

German jobless hope

West German unemploymen is expected to fall gradually dur ing 1975, although the rate i likely to exceed 2.5 per cen even allowing for favourable de velopments in second half o 1975, Herr Josef Stingl, Labou berg.

Efta deficit doubles

Total trade deficit of the seve member countries of the Euro pean Free Trade Associatio almost doubled to abou $10,000m (about £4,310m) i 1974 because of higher oi prices, Efta sources reported i Geneva yesterday. Austria, wit domestic resources of oil an coal, fared best, its trad balance worsening to the exten of only $158m.

$75,000 seat on Wall St

A seat on the New York stoc exchange has been sold fo $75,000 (about £32,000) or $3,00 more than the previous sale o November 26.

The Times Awards for the best advertisement of a company's results to appear in 1974.

The closing date (31st December) for the 1974 Award Scheme is now very close and we would like to remind those companies wishing to take part in the competition that they must submit their entries by 6th January at the latest.

No further entries will be accepted after this date.

Entries should be sent to:—
Michael Mander, Advertisement & Marketing Director, The Times Awards, The Times, New Printing House Square, London WC1X 8EZ.

Entries will be judged later in January, and awards will be presented by The Times at the conclusion of the competition.

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Where the family's money is going

PERCENTAGE OF WEEKLY EXPENDITURE

	£ weekly expenditure	Housing*	Fuel, light & power	Food	Drink	Clothes & shoes	Durable household goods	Transport	Tobacco	Services
1964-66	£21.01	11.42	6.28	28.27	4.09	9.38	6.43	11.7	5.66	9.38
1971-73	£35.14	13.00	5.78	25.01	4.70	8.94	7.29	13.83	3.93	9.85

* excluding mortgages: see text
Source: Family Expenditure Survey

: reaction of the average tish householder to the r's cataclysmic economic sit- ion is being closely moni- ed by politicians and econ- ists.

n recent years, the trend been towards an increasing portion of family outgoings ng spent on the less basic essities. Has this movement, politicians are asking, been ered by spiralling food and ergy costs? And, if so, to at extent?

The largest item in the fam- budget has traditionally en food, which, according to Government's statistics, upies just over a quarter of average household's weekly penditure. The most expen- e element in the total spent households weekly on food meat and, in particular, ef.

Next to meat the largest m on the family food bill is iry products, such as eggs, lk, butter and cheese, lowed by fruit and vege- les, and bread, biscuits and eals. Altogether, these four egories accounted for £6.24 t of the £8.79 which, it was culated in the Government's mily Expenditure Survey, s spent weekly by house- lds on food last year.

Families have found their n methods of coping with sharp increases which have ken food prices to almost 20 r cent above last year's els. Traditionally they ply substitute, whenever ssible, the closest cheaper uivalent.

This is particularly notice- le, as any butcher will tes- y, with meat. When beef ices exceed what is consid- ed to be a reasonable level, usewives move to mutton, rk or chicken.

The effectiveness of such economies is noticeably reflected in the statistics for the first quarter of this year when incomes were pinched by reductions in overtime payments and by three-day working.

The figures show that expenditure on food during this period rose by only about 12 per cent above the equivalent for 1973 against a general rise in food prices of nearly 19 per cent. There was a distinct shift in purchases away from some of the more expensive types of food to cheaper foods.

There are, however, some products such as bread for which there is no real substitute, and bread prices by November were running at more than 35 per cent above last year's level.

Government subsidies in other areas, particularly in dairy products, have succeeded in keeping prices down and consumption up. In April, for instance, the price of liquid milk was reduced by ½p per pint and average consumption rose from 4.63 pints in the previous quarter to 4.75 pints.

Cheese, where consumption had dropped to 3.54oz per person per week in the first quarter of the year, rose to 3.85oz in the second quarter after the introduction of the subsidy.

Price is not the only factor influencing food consumption. The steadily increasing number of working wives has helped to boost purchases of convenience foods.

Consumption of canned fruit, frozen fish and canned soups, for example, continued to rise, even during the dark months at the beginning of this year.

Food marketers are used to dealing with variables such as these and plan accordingly. What they are not accustomed to having to take into consideration is the effect of shortages on consumer buying patterns.

This year near havoc has been created in several product fields, notably toilet paper, sugar, bread and salt by much-publicized scarcities either real or imagined.

Housewives understandably reacted by stocking up their larders and deep freezers. This has disrupted supply calculations already finely balanced by rapid cost increases. The full extent of this disruption will not be known for some time.

Nevertheless, the long-term trend for food purchases to give way to other items as a proportion of family expenditure seems likely to continue. Prices are still the biggest single factor and, overall, these have risen no more steeply this year than in 1973.

Less predictable is the effect of energy price increases. Next to food, one of the biggest items on the household budget is transport, which occupies nearly 14 per cent of expenditure against about 12 per cent nine years earlier.

Until this year, the tendency has been towards greater use of transport, particularly of private cars. Since 1970 the percentage of two-car households has gone up from 6.2 per cent to 8.0 per cent in 1973 (against 53.9 per cent owning one car).

It is this market, according to the motor manufacturers, which is likely to be most immediately hit by rises in petrol and purchase price. At the same time many one-car households, they say, are turning to smaller, more economical cars when replacing their existing vehicles.

In the home, fuel, light and power price increases are certain to have been a larger element in budgets this year than last. The tendency over the past nine years has been for a marginal reduction in the proportion of outgoings spent on heating and lighting. But it seems inevitable that this will be reversed.

It remains to be seen whether the spread to full or partial central heating continues. This is said to make more economical use of energy than spot heating but requires a heavy initial capital outlay.

Up until last year central heating was one of the fastest growing acquisitions by householders. In 1970 29.6 per cent of households had full or partial central heating; by 1973 the proportion had increased to 38.5 per cent.

In housing, which next to food is the biggest single item of weekly expenditure, the situation this year has largely been one of settling down after the dramatic movements of the previous two years when both mortgage interest rates and house values rocketed.

Between 1964 and 1973 rent and rates outgoings went up by almost 94 per cent. But expenditure on mortages, as calculated by the Family Expenditure Survey, went up by nearly 110 per cent from £0.91 per week to £1.91 per week (although these partly reflect the rise in home ownership).

Although several months will elapse before final results are available, it seems clear that the same sort of substitution of priorities, which is customary within the food field, has spread to other areas during the year. Not only have fewer cars been bought, but holiday operators and refrigerator and colour television manufacturers are also complaining of dropping sales, as necessities once again become dominant.

Patricia Tisdall

surance

Are you covered overseas?

ven though many people now avel abroad extensively, for usiness and pleasure, many isurance policies restrict the over to Britain—or give only ather limited cover elsewhere.

For example, take personal ability insurance, which is itended to meet a claim made gainst one for accidentally ijuring somebody else or amaging his property.

This insurance does not, of ourse, apply in connexion with ie use of a car (as a motor olicy gives the necessary over). Nor does it apply in espect of a business or profes- on, or ownership or occupa- on of property and so on, nce here, too, specific in- irance can be arranged.

Usually, the most convenient rrangement is for personal ability insurance to be included ith a householder's policy; it iay be "free" or not cost iore than about 50p.

But sometimes the insurance s quite plainly restricted to this ountry. If cover is needed broad, either it will have to be btained separately or it may be ossible to extend the policy

Because so many policies pply only in this country, an ncreasing number of "pack- ge" travel policies (whether ne is travelling on business or leasure) include personal iability cover.

There are, however, some olicies still in force which give over first in Britain and econdly "elsewhere in the vorld". Here, however, the nsurance is "subject to the xclusion of liability for lamages where the action is rought in a court outside Great Britain. . . ."

This does not necessarily nean that, if you are respon- ible for an accident while broad, and the claimant wants o take you to court, you will not be able to recover from our insurers.

Much depends on the attitude f the claimant. For instance, he claim may be settled by egotiation (with or without awyers being involved), with- out court action; the specific xclusion would then not apply.

If you have assets in the oreign country in question such as a villa in the South of France), the claimant might well ake you to court, in which vent there would be no cover.

If you do not have assets in he foreign country, insurers eel that there would be little oint in the claimant suing you n a court in that country unless Britain and the country in ques- ion have an agreement by which, under the Foreign Judg- nent (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1933, a judgment can be ransferred to an English court. f such a transfer takes place, you would then be protected.

Fortunately, that is by no means a standard wording. Some personal liability insur- ances give worldwide cover, or xclude only the United States and Canada—on the ground that a judgment there is likely to be dearer than elsewhere.

With personal liability insur- ance, as with any other policy, it is for the policy holder to be on the look out and to read and understand the policy. It is always wrong to assume that something is covered by a policy. The only way to make sure is to look it through carefully at the outset and try to spot the loopholes.

John Drummond

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A year of setbacks, surprises and change

A survey by Margaret Stone of financial events during 1974

The year began in gloom. There was still the after-taste of the first, as it turned out to be, casualties in the secondary banking area: there was a three-day working week; and the *FT* Industrial Ordinary Index had recorded a drop of 32 per cent in 1973. Little did we realize that worse, much worse, was yet to come. . . .

January

Cornhill Consolidated, the investment banking group, runs into trouble and its Bastion Insurance subsidiary is ordered to restrict its business and is subsequently sold. The unit trust industry begins the year as it means to go on with net sales of £3.9m, the worst since September, 1971. At the same time the Department of Trade issues timely warnings about the dangers of withdrawal plans when capital values are being eroded so quickly.

On the bright side, building society net receipts recover—this is to prove very short-lived—and employers get the official go-ahead for registering their occupational pension schemes with the Occupational Pensions Board. This, alas, turns out to be a waste of time. M & G's new one-year guaranteed income bond with an 11 per cent return goes "like a bomb"—a phrase one could use more easily then than now.

February

More trouble for insurance subsidiaries. After the temporary suspension of the J. H. Vavasseur share price, it is announced that its life assurance subsidiary—faced with income bond surrenders—is to be sold. The purchaser turns out to be the Pru', so everyone is happy. Jessel Securities also spends some time and money on its insurance offshoot, London Indemnity and General, by pumping £12m into it because of more income bond surrenders. It also promises the company another £6m any time it is necessary; with hindsight this is the writing on the wall.

Elsewhere the new City Friendly Society launches one of the most attractive investment schemes yet. It uses the long-established concessions of sickness friendly societies to provide an investment with tax-free benefits from a tax-free fund. It has a short life expectation. Building society funds dwindle and talks start with the Bank of England about the possibility of attracting institutional funds into societies.

March

Within three weeks of the snap election, the Chancellor, Mr Healey introduces his first 1974 Budget. It hits hard with a gifts tax made operational immediately, notwithstanding that no details will be announced for months. Income bonds, as predicted, are shorn of most of their attractions. City Friendly Society's new scheme is axed retrospectively.

Tax relief on interest is stopped, including mortgage interest relief on loans over £25,000. Stamp duty is increased and rules relating to foreign income are made harsh. Basic rate tax is increased to 33 per cent, higher rate tax becomes payable at £4,500, children's incomes are to be aggregated once again [illegible] the threshold for the investment income surcharge to £1,000.

Bad news on the building society front too: it is found that in February there was a net outflow of funds amounting to £15.1m and housing starts are nearly 50 per cent down on the year.

April

Building society woes dominate the headlines. The March net outflow of funds turns out to be £21m. To avert an increase in the mortgage interest rate, the societies decide to accept a £100m loan from the Government with the facility to take up another £400m over the following four months.

The unit trust industry is not having too hot a time, either. Unit trust values drop below the £2,000m mark. But one good item of news is that the Labour Government has resuscitated the important Consumer Credit Bill, a victim of the previous month's election.

May

It is all change once again on the pensions front. After giving the impression in the Queen's Speech that the Conservatives' State Reserve Pension scheme would be allowed to continue, it is learnt that Labour will be introducing a new pensions policy later in the year. Help! It is the third change of direction in five years.

Although funds are reviving, building societies all begin to introduce term shares with investment rates between 1 and 1½ per cent above the going 7½ per cent rate.

The Government refuses to identify the 49 insurance companies which have been ordered to place their assets under trustees. Nonetheless, it gives a sense of security to know that these orders have gone out. It is also reassuring to know that the three biggest property bond groups have publicly announced that they will rescue smaller brethren in distress.

June

The first big shadows begin to fall. The negotiations by Alexander Howden for Nation Life Assurance run into difficulties over a difference in property valuations. We have not heard the last of this. . . .

The unit trust industry takes a stab at North America with two new specialist funds from Slater Walker and one from Barclays Unicorn. The main thrust of the savings industry, however, seems to be in deposit and fixed interest bonds. The Government's new 9.5 per cent Savings Bond gets a poor reception.

July

The storm breaks with announcement that Nation Life is to go into liquidation. But at this stage there are hopes that the new system under the Insurance Companies Amendment Act, 1973, will enable some form of rescue operation to be mounted.

The building societies, which have agreed to take the full £500m loan from the Government, are on the brink of increasing the mortgage interest rate. But again they hold back in the national interest. House prices, meantime, are falling. The latest figures indicate a 2 per cent drop during this quarter in new house prices.

August

The old adage about going away in August seems to be singularly irrelevant at the moment. Everything is happening. There is a Green Paper on a wealth tax, starting at £100,000 and a White Paper on the capital transfer tax—a lifetime tax to replace estate duty—which proposes to eliminate, among many other things, the advantages of holding agricultural land. These values now start to fall, following commercial property values.

The Trustee Savings Banks find their dreams come true. The Government agrees to last year's recommendations by the Page Report on National Savings and gives the go-ahead for them to become a third, independent banking force. The number of banks has to be reduced from 72 to 15 and the first merger follows within weeks. Again, after the Page Report, the Government announces that it intends to introduce two modest index-linked schemes in early 1975. One will replace Save As You Earn and the other is designed for pensioners.

Electioneering is in the air again and the Liberals promise index-linked mortgages and Mrs Thatcher, for the Conservatives, promises a 9.5 per cent mortgage rate by Christmas. Labour threatens to reduce mortgage loan interest relief to basic rate tax only.

The state of the market is beginning to send bigger shivers down the backs of investors and industrialists alike. Many large companies, including ICI, BP, Tate & Lyle and National Westminster Bank, have now injected cash into their company pension funds. Triumph Investment Trust puts the National Group of unit trusts up for sale, while the Department of Trade issues new rules that unit trusts must not put more than 5 per cent of their assets with any one bank. But the conversion of the four investment trust companies in which the Ellerman family have a big stake into unit trusts boosts the unit trust industry's net sales to a 1974 record £11.4m.

September

Mrs Castle introduces her White Paper *Better Pensions* with an earnings-related second-tier pension in addition to the basic state pension. There is complete equality for women in the second tier, but private pension plans are worried about having to produce an inflation-proof element to their pensions if they contract out of the state scheme.

Catel, an associate company of Jessel Securities, negotiates to buy the Jessel Britannia unit trust group. The Pru' revamps Vavasseur Life into Vanbrugh Life.

October

Jessel Securities runs into difficulties. Its London Indemnity and General Insurance needs that extra £6m of cash to meet income bond surrenders and stops writing business. A rescue operation is mounted for LIGI by 30 life offices, but rumours now start about Welfare Insurance, which also has income bond problems. This time it is London and Manchester Insurance which steps into the breach.

The rate of insurance company failures, or near failures, prompts the Government into announcing a compulsory rescue fund for the insurance industry. The cost is to be no more than 1 per cent of annual premium income.

It is not welcomed by the industry. Nor is it to be made retrospective to cover policyholders in Nation Life who still do not know where they stand.

The 10p National Savings stamp is to be phased out over the next two years—to the dismay of the 40,000 voluntary workers for National Savings. Legal and General becomes the first office to introduce index-linked premiums, but they are for term assurance, not endowment assurance. Henderson Administration buys the Vavasseur First Investors financial services and unit trust group for £670,000.

November

At long last there is news for Nation Life policyholders, but it is in no way encouraging. It appears that several matters have to be resolved by the courts before any settlement is likely and the whole affair could take years. A shy rescue consortium is still waiting in the wings, however.

The Jessel Britannia unit trusts are sold to Slater Walker for £1.58m.

A brighter house finance front. Commitments by societies were nearly an all-time record £370m in October. But the housing market is still inactive above the £15-£18,000 price level.

December

Jessel Securities sells another subsidiary, Life and Equity Assurance, to Cannon Assurance for an undisclosed sum. Scottish Life axes its terminal bonuses as from the beginning of 1975 and Scottish Widows savagely reduces its surrender values.

The Finance Bill clarifies the position regarding qualifying policies, and the clawback of life assurance tax relief on premiums after an early surrender of a policy. The big surprise, however, is that pension funds will be allowed to reclaim tax paid on building society investments—a good long-term boost for the movement.

A cheerful footnote to the year is the Government's decision to unfreeze commercial rents. It will ease the minds of life offices and pension funds, not to mention property bond companies whose funds have dropped by more than 30 per cent over the year. The *FT* index which began the year at 344.0 finished it at around 160, a fall of 54 per cent.

Investor's week

How much are shareholders' perks worth?

With the stock market operating at a seasonally low level during the week—yesterday's marks of 1,143 *being probably the lowest since the last war—there was no meaningful trend. What reaction there was was largely concerned with company announcements, either on trading or on Middle East ties.*

The FT *index duly drifted down from* 163.5 *to* 159.6 *in the two and a half trading days.*

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After a period during which prices generally have been rising and prices on the Stock Exchange have been falling the importance which some shareholders have always attached to the "perks" which their stake could command begin in a few cases to make economic sense.

There are still shareholders who regularly take lengthy train journeys to London to attend their companies' annual general meetings and who admit that they are there principally to enjoy the beanfeast afterwards.

And, although apparently more canny, there was nothing much to recommend the wisdom of one elderly West Riding couple I once met at the Wilkinson Warburton annual meeting, who invested only in local companies in order to be able to participate at minimum expense in any goodies going. They were obliged to admit that location as a guide to investment policy had proved disastrous.

Moral: never invest for the perks. The cigarettes are now in short supply at the tobacco majors; Spillers and Fitch Lovell have abandoned their food parcels, and there is no certainty that the discount vouchers which Grand Metropolitan has sent out with its annual report for the past couple of years will be repeated.

In money terms this one was, in any case, only just worth having. It offered a maximum saving of perhaps £2 on a meal for two once a year in a Berni Inn or Chef and Brewer eating place.

The increase in the dividend which that small saving represented could be offset by the impact of high Stock Exchange commission rates on a very small buying order.

In contrast, the discount card which Sketchley offers to its shareholders is distinctly worth having—assuming that you normally send your clothes away to be dry cleaned.

These days you can pick up the 50-share qualifying stake for £15 so that the average family can save around £10 a year.

Increased use of the discount increases the return on your investment—and minimizes the cost to Sketchley of the concession: in fact, the group reckons to gain on marginal use of capacity.

The 200 shares which European Ferries requires shareholders to hold before February 1 to qualify for its 50 per cent discount of car and passengers from Dover to Calais or Zeebrugge (or there is a 40 per cent discount on the passage from Southampton to Le Havre) will at the present 26p cost £52.

The return depends upon the type of car and the number of passengers, but the average family in the average saloon might save themselves £15, which makes this concession very attractive.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Hanson Trust pledges 'vigorous' defence on claim by United Artists

In its first reaction to news that United Artists Theatre Circuit—which runs the second largest cinema chain in the United States is going to court to block what it sees as an attempt to gain control of the company by Hanson Trust, Mr James Hanson, chairman of Hanson says he is astonished by the move. He promises that the group will vigorously contest the issue if it ever reaches the courts. UATC is claiming $10m damages and seeks to restrain Hanson from buying any more shares.

UATC claims that Hanson—which holds 28 per cent of the equity—has made what amounts to a tender offer, and violated the Securities Exchange Act by its purchasing activities. All this is denied by Hanson directors who are advised by their New York attorneys that there is no substance in the claim and that no damage has been caused to UATC. An interest in about 45 per cent of the equity is claimed by the UATC board.

In a potted history of events leading to the present situation, Mr Hanson says that his group paid £1.9m cash for its 21.5 per cent stake in UATC (428,000 shares) in September as an investment, and filed a statement with the Securities & Exchange Commission that it had no present intention of acquiring control. Friendly talks between the boards had been held with no conclusion being reached.

Since then, a block of 124,000 shares had been offered to Hanson. These were refused at UATC's request, although UATC itself bought them subsequently. Finally Hanson received an unsolicited offer of 91,000 shares on December 18, and bought them as a further investment and act of faith in UATC.

Denain's bid for Firminy suspended after EEC ruling

Paris, Dec 27

The controversial Denain Nord-est Longwy bid for Marine-Firminy shares has been suspended.

Earlier the EEC decided to forbid Denain and the De Wendel Group from acquiring Marine-Firminy shares follows an approach to the authorities by the Empain Schneider Group, also involved in the affair.

Schneider asked the European Coal & Steel Community authorities to restore its liberty of disposal of its 32 per cent stake in Marine, following announcement of Denain's bid.

However, Denain is maintaining the terms of its bid, which will go ahead once necessary official authorization has been obtained.

Meantime, during the suspension of the bid, Marine shareholders who have already offered shares for exchange will not be bound by their earlier decision.

Before the EEC prohibition, De Wendel had acquired about 20 per cent of Marine shares in opposition to the Denain bid.—Reuter.

Ingersoll-Rand sees fresh peak

The American Ingersoll-Rand group expects sales, profits and earnings per share in 1974 to exceed the previous records established in 1973 when net earnings rose from $70.8m to $82.1m, or from $4.16 to $4.91 a share. The results however were before an extraordinary charge of $10.7m after tax, from flood damage to some plant locations.

Despite a change in inventory accounting to be adopted in the fourth quarter, the board's present estimate is that 1974 sales volume should be $1,400m and that earnings per share should exceed $5.5 after the accounting change. Meanwhile it is estimated that the net impact of this change will be about $0.45 a share.

During the year it concluded a share exchange deal with Schlage Lock Co worth about $85m. Schlage sales in 1973 were $75m, and net profits of slightly over $5m are indicated.

Selling move by Samuel Properties

Stating that at the present time a major objective is to reduce short-term borrowings to a minimum level, Viscount Bearsted, chairman of Samuel Properties, adds that as a result the group has decided to sell some of its low-yielding investment and trading properties. The group, he went on, would not embark, at least in the prevailing climate, on any future developments unless they are pre-funded.

Earlier this month the group announced a £42m funding operation for its major developments. Its annual report shows that year-end net assets were down from 107p to 81p a share. This largely reflected the revaluation of its United Kingdom investment properties at £32.1m, some £7.3m below book value.

Total net borrowings last year were up from £25m to £33.9m, shareholders' funds were down from £29.6m to £22.5m—while net bank loan finance rose from £3m to £11.4m.

Briefly

HAWKINS DEVS
Six months' turnover £4.48m (£3.62m) but pre-tax loss £19,000 (£51,000 profit). Dividend passed, last paid being in 1963. Proposals for sale of northern company expected "very shortly".

ML ALKAN
Profit after tax £107,000 (£51,000) for year to September 30. Earnings 3.52p (1.54p) with total dividend held at 2.05p net.

JAMES HARRISON
Including sale of development land pre-tax profit £293,000 (£98,000) in half to June 30. Earnings 2.83p (1.01p) a share. No interim to conserve cash, but total forecast at 2.15p (1.91p), maximum allowed.

FORMINSTER
Interim taxable profits £292,000 (£217,000) with earnings 6.36p (5.39p) and dividend 2.34p (1.75p).

SOBRANIE
Interim taxable profit £64,000 (£104,000). Earnings excluding extraordinary item 0.96p (1.74p) a share. Laundry division hit by higher wages and fuel costs and tobacco business by higher interest.

CENTREWAY SECURITIES
In six months to September 30 taxable profits £317,000 (£253,000). Board forecasts pre-tax for full year "much higher" than previous term's £520,000.

BEECHWOOD CONSTRUCTION
In half to September 30 pre-tax £175,000 (£161,000) from turnover £1.8m (£1.6m).

AILSA INV TRUST
Gross income for half year, £232,000 (£213,000), pre-tax revenue, £199,000 (£183,500). Net asset value a share, 52p (116.4p). Dividend up from 2p to 2.1p gross.

STROUD RILEY DRUMMOND
Turnover for half year, £3.4m (£3m). Taxable profit £199,000 (£218,000). Earnings a share, 2.76p (3.15p). Interim is up from 1.25p to 1.3p.

GEORGE SALTER
Profit for first six months, £90,000 (£100,000) after tax, on turnover of £4.3m (£3.8m). Earnings a share are 36.2p (39.9p).

TRANS-OCEANIC TST
For year to October 31 taxable revenue £624,000 (£526,000). Earnings 3.64p (3.12p) a share with net asset value pre-conversion 89p (177p).

BRIT CINE THEATRES
Turnover for six months, £910,000 (£682,000), and taxable profits, £76,000 (£50,000).

DWA PLANTATIONS
Turnover for nine months, £343,500 (£232,000 for year). Pre-tax profits, £165,000 (£34,500).

ARTHUR LEE & SONS
Final dividend for year to September 30, reduced from 1.05p to 1.034p at Treasury request.

GEORGE STURLA
Nominee Assurance (Hldgs) has bought 2.7m shares (64 per cent) in company at agreed price of 4.5p a share from Realgrove. Offer is unconditional.

RADIANT METAL
Interim profit £61,000 (£57,000) pre-tax from turnover of £208,000 (£153,000).

RELIANCE GROUP
Inbucon subsidiary has acquired 80 per cent of Fuel Economy Consultants, London, for undisclosed sum.

CENTRAL & SHEERWOOD TST
Investment banking subsidiary, Sheerwood Trust, has acquired 322,815 shares (45.5 per cent) of M. H. Marine, making total holding 91.25 per cent. Offer for remaining shares proposed.

Tea promotion body may be set up

A central body for the promotion of tea on a world wide basis was the main conclusion of the symposium on International Tea Market Expansion held in London which finished recently. This, it was suggested, could be called the International Tea Promotion Council.

A review of the potentialities of world tea markets revealed not only the wide differences in consumption levels in individual countries, but also the variety of forms in which tea could enter the market.

While competitive promotion in certain areas could be effective in increasing total consumption, this was not necessarily true in every case. For generic promotion to succeed in increasing world consumption, it should be carried out selectively, in markets where there were no constraints on the consumption and promotion of tea.

A news release from the Commonwealth Secretariat added that a great deal of research was needed to match the product to the market. To finance this research it was suggested that an approach could be made to the international financing agencies.

It is expected that these proposals will be considered by government representatives at the next session of the Food and Agriculture Organization Intergovernmental Group on Tea in Rome in the first half of next year.

Competition and lower margins cause slump at Bell & Sime

The latest timber group to record a decline in profits is Bell & Sime, the Dundee-based company. Sales for the first half are down from £1.76m to £1.67m, while taxable profits have slumped from £162,000 to £52,000. On net profits down from £81,000 to £27,000, the dividend is being held at 0.87p net, giving a rise from 1.25p to 1.3p gross.

The board say the group's profit margins were lower than would normally be the case on the scale of turnover. This is explained partly by the effect of the Government's Counter-inflation Regulations, which require a margin lower than that enjoyed last year, and partly by the intense competition for orders which has existed in the past few months.

There is little sign of an immediate improvement in the general level of activity in the building industry, but the group expects to be reasonably busy in the early part of 1975. Stock levels have been restricted, and the group is well placed to take full advantage of any favourable trends when making future purchases.

Dim outlook at Brigray

After a weak start at Brigray Group, Mr H. Pilkington, the chairman gives a warning that trade generally is extremely difficult and a depressing outlook prevails. There is no interim dividend, against 0.2p gross last year, because taxable profits have fallen from £60,000 to £20,000 on sales down from £1.1m to £1.07m.

The board of this London-based maker of outerwear and jersey fabrics is unable to forecast any definite trading pattern and considers it prudent to conserve resources.

The present figures take no account of terminal losses which will follow the closure of the Luton factory.

BOC Re-shapes

Under an internal reorganization the majority of British Oxygen's activities in the United Kingdom and Continental Europe will be drawn together under a single control and constitute a separate company known as BOC Ltd.

After the change British Oxygen Company Ltd becomes the holding company of BOC Ltd and of all trading companies in the United Kingdom and Europe as well as of those in other overseas territories.

Edward Wood offer for D. F. Lyons

Writing as secretary to D. F. Lyons, the Leeds-based investment bankers, from which he recently resigned as a director, Mr D. F. Lyons tells shareholders that the company "has been damaged irreparably, in the opinion of directors". The board and their families control more than 90 percent of the issued capital.

As a preliminary to making an offer to exchange holdings in D. F. Lyons for a stake in Edward Wood, Manchester engineers, the Wood board has acquired all the Lyons subsidiaries. Mr Lyons will remain executive chairman of Edward Wood.

The Lyons board is strongly recommending the offer as the only way of resolving the unsatisfactory minority position.

Nova over the worst

Reporting a modest £4,000 increase in pre-tax profits to £53,000 over the six months to September 30, Nova (Jersey) Knit say conditions in the double jersey industry continue to be difficult. But as a result of the "new concept" in fabrics produced by retooling it is felt the company has now "bottomed out". But again the dividend is omitted.

The retooling has meant a provision for extraordinary obsolescence of £234,000 bringing about a loss after tax of £208,000.

Guthrie Corp

In order to bring the interim and final payments into line, the board of Guthrie Corporation is increasing its interim dividend from 6p to 9p, and expects to pay at least the 19.29p gross total paid last year. The board also intends to offer shareholders the option of taking shares instead of cash.

The interim report will be sent out on January 22.

Chile paying ITT £54m

International Telephone and Telegraph said it has reached a settlement with the Chilean Government by which it will receive $125.2m (about £54m) for its 70 per cent share of the nationalized Chile Telephone. ITT also said it would invest $25m in a research facility which would be a joint venture with the Government of Chile.

Wilson Bros

Greetings cards' group Wilson Brothers show a slight advance in taxable profits from £409,000 to £412,000 for the half to September 29, but a loss on property development of £112,000 (in relation to Holness Properties) against a profit of £25,000. Earnings per share in turn were almost halved from 2.1p to 1.2p. There is no interim dividend, against 0.69p.

A. B. Engineering

After-effects of the industrial disturbances experienced last winter have depressed the results of Associated British Engineering. Over the whole of last year group pre-tax profits were halved to £75,000 on sales up from £2.5m to £2.6m, but the first half shows a steeper fall, with attributable profits dwindling from £23,000 to £9,000.

Profitability has since improved, but liquid resources are still under great pressure so the group is not paying any preference arrears.

Troydale Industries

Turnover at Troydale Industries is down from £3.56m to £3.62m, although the board says that the years are not directly comparable because of the disposal of Bower, Roebuck and the closure of the garage business. Pre-tax profits are ahead from £130,000 to £144,000 for the first half, while the dividend is ahead from 0.44p to 0.45p.

Burmah deal with BASF on 13pc stake in Albatros

A message from Kassel gives news that the BASF AG subsidiary, Wintershall AG, has bought the 13 per cent holding of Burmah Oil Co in Albatros NV, of Antwerp, for an undisclosed sum.

Wintershall said it now holds all of the Albatros 750m franc capital.

Meanwhile, it is also announced that Burmah retains the right to refine crude oil at Albatros, which has a refinery with a five million tonne annual capacity, for some time to come.—Reuter.

Benson's Hosiery level-pegging

With the help of extraordinary items amounting to £51,000, pre-tax profit of Benson's Hosiery (Holdings) moved slightly upwards from £343,000 to £354,000, and the "net" from £151,000 to £168,000. Interim progress was checked by the shorter week and fuel crisis, and the forecast was for lower full-time earnings. The dividend is unchanged at 0.6p.

The latest accounts are the interim period for the year to July 31. The accounting term has been extended for 18 months to January 31, 1975.

Stock markets

Featureless day for equities

The stock market's mood was quiescent rather than listless yesterday with the level of activity probably the lowest since the Second World War. The number of bargains marked at 1,143 well underlines this point with most stocks remaining unchanged on the day. The *FT* index edged 0.8 higher to 159.6 while *The Times* index rose 0.15 to 64.15.

Although opening marginally easier at first, the industrial sector managed to close slightly ahead on balance. In insurances, the Darwin tragedy was the dominant influence with Royal dropping 4p to 130p and Commercial Union 2p to 74p. The mining sector was the most active with gold mines shrugging off the new record bullion fix to show falls of up to 50p by the end. Mining financials were, however, generally firm with Cons Gold and Union Corporation prominent.

Trading news brought a 4½p fall to Bell & Sime at 50½p, while Brigay slipped 1½p to 21½p, also reflecting disappointment. Stores presented an optimistic front to the record level of Christmas spending.

Trading in gilts was at nominal levels and most dealers left early. Prices were unchanged and there were no talking points.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Ailsa Inv Trust Int	2.1	2	7/2	—	—
Bell & Sime (25p) Int	1.3	1.25	31/1	—	4.82
Brigray Gp (5p) Int	Nil	0.2	—	—	0.28
Gresham House (25p) Int	2.1	2	31/1	—	4.38

Foreign Exchange

Big technical rise for the pound

Sterling rose almost one and a half cents against the dollar on the foreign exchange markets yesterday, but its rise was attributed to purely technical factors. The United States November trade deficit of $113m depressed the currency throughout Europe and sterling participated in a general advance.

The pound climbed to $2.3420 from Christmas eve's $2.3285, up 135 points on the day.

Gold rose to an all-time high of $195¾, up $3 on the day.

Bank 'mops up' surplus credit

With most institutions operating reduced staffs conditions were extremely quiet in the London money markets yesterday.

Although there was some uncertainty, there was no doubt that day-to-day funds were not difficult to pick up, and the discount houses were able to pull in balances at rates that opened around 9 per cent and closed around 4 or 5 per cent.

The Bank of England found it necessary to "mop up" on a small scale, selling Treasury bills both to banks and to houses.

The Times Share Indices

The Times Share Indices for 27.12.74 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959).—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	64.15	12.72	27.23	64.00
Largest Cos.	64.39	13.40	27.90	64.11
Smaller Cos.	63.41	[illegible]	26.79	63.63
Capital Goods	62.53	14.65	31.54	62.97
Consumer Goods	75.53	[illegible]	26.56	74.31
Store Shares	58.43	[illegible]	27.69	56.67
Largest financial shares	80.46	12.22	—	81.27
Largest financial and industrial shares	67.48	12.89	—	67.38
Commodity shares	152.21	12.53	24.26	149.45
Gold Mining shares	542.50	5.94	8.30	547.29
Industrial debenture stocks	65.65	9.41*	—	68.65
Industrial preference stocks	40.22	17.25*	—	40.22
3½% War Loan	20½	17.38*	—	20 11/16

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below.—

	High	Low
All-time	296.47 (15.08.72)	60.19 (12.12.74)
1974	130.16 (25.02.74)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1973	149.23 (12.01.73)	120.92 (14.12.73)
1972	196.47 (15.08.72)	133.48 (10.01.72)
1971	154.77 (31.12.71)	123.23 (02.03.71)
1970	145.78 (14.01.70)	110.75 (26.05.70)
1969	171.95 (31.01.69)	122.95 (28.07.69)

* Flat interest yield.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11¾%
(Last changed 20/9/74)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 12%

Discount Mkt. Loans %
Weekend, Open 9½ Close 5
Week Fixed: 9¾-9½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11	2 months	10⅞
3 months	11¼	3 months	10 15/16

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (%)

2 months	12¼-11⅞	3 months	13⅛
3 months	12¼-12⅞	4 months	13
4 months	13⅛-12⅞	6 months	13¼
6 months	13⅛-13		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	12-11½	7 months	13½-13
2 months	12½-12	8 months	13½-13
3 months	13⅛-12⅞	9 months	13⅞-13¼
4 months	13⅛-12⅞	10 months	13⅞-13¼
5 months	13½-13	11 months	13⅞-13¼
6 months	13½-13	12 months	13⅞-13¼

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	11-10¾	6 months	13 11/16-13⅞
3 months	12⅞-12⅞	12 months	14 1/16-13 15/16

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	11-11¼	3 months	13⅛
7 days	11½	6 months	13¾-14
1 month	11½	1 year	15⅛-15¼

Interbank Market (%)
Weekend: Open 9 Close 3

1 week	10-9¾	6 months	13¾-13⅝
1 month	10⅛-10⅝	9 months	13⅞-13¾
3 months	12⅞-12⅞	12 months	14-13⅞

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 13¼ 6 months 14½

Finance House Base Rate 12%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£382.6m	allotted	£250m
Bids at	£97.255%	received	3%
Last week	£97.255%	received	12%
Average rate	11.0102%	Last week	10.9902%
Next week	£250m	replace	£120m

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Bond, H. Ord	55
Bristol Wtr 10% Pf (+)	£95
Callender G Ord	9½
Lobek 12% Cnv 1984	£116+1¼
Mid Sussex Wtr 10% Db (£97)	£94½
Newcastle Wtr 10% Pf (+)	£95
Southwark Cp 15% Red (£98)a	£12
Unisel Gold Mines	315-2
UDT 16% Cnv (£100)	£93

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Chloride (40)	Jan 10	39½
Pahang Cons (25b)	Jan 10	15

Issued price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. a £10 paid. b Nil paid.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) December 27	Market rates (close) December 27
New York	$2.3315-3425	$2.3425-3435
Montreal	$2.3050-3160	$2.3140-3160
Amsterdam	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	85.15-80f	85.15-45f
Copenhagen	[illegible]	[illegible]
Frankfurt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	57.20-75.00e	57.25-75e
Madrid	130.50-131.20p	130.70-131.20p
Milan	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oslo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	[illegible]	10.41½-43½f
Stockholm	[illegible]	9.63½-64½k
Tokyo	[illegible]	704-06y
Vienna	[illegible]	40.00-40.20sch
Zurich	[illegible]	5.99½-00½f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 unchanged at 21.5 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	1.45-1.35c prem	4.05-3.95c prem
Montreal	1.55-1.45c prem	4.10-4.00c prem
Amsterdam	5-4c prem	13½-12½c prem
Brussels	40-20c prem	100-80c prem
Copenhagen	2½ prem-1½ disc	5-2½ prem
Frankfurt	5-4pf prem	13-12pf prem
Lisbon	30c prem-60c disc	60c prem-100c disc
Milan	6-9lr disc	17-21lr disc
Oslo	5-3o prem	19-16o prem
Paris	4-7c disc	11-14c disc
Stockholm	2¾-1¾ prem	9-7½ prem
Vienna	40-10gro prem	75-45gro prem
Zurich	4¼-3¼c prem	11¼-10¼c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar) $1.0115-21.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, NA; seven days, NA; one month, 10¼-10⅝; three months, 10-10½; six months, 9⅞-10⅜.

Gold fixed: am, $194½ (an ounce); pm, $195. Krugerrand (per coin): $228-233 (£97½-99½). Sovereigns: (old), $61½-63 (£26¼-27); (new), £[illegible].

Commodities

SILVER shared a steady advance with gold in the London Bullion Market yesterday after posting an initial gain based on strong overnight New York values, dealers reported. However, further sympathetic gains were scored when gold strengthened to a peak closing range of $195-196, they noted. Fixing levels.—Spot, 203.50p a troy ounce (199.95p previously); United States cents equivalent 477.5 (465.5c); three months, 210.50p (206.35p); US, 485.1c (472.5c); six months, 217.50p (212.65p); US, 493.7c (479.9c); one-year, 231.60p (225.45p); US, 512.5c (496.7c). By the close spot was quoted at 205.00-208.00p and three months at 211.50-215.50p.

JUTE.—Calcutta market quiet. Indian, Dec-Jan, Rs480 value; Dundee Daisee, Dec-Jan, Rs390 value, a bale of 400lb.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—Imported grain prices were marked lower in line with an easier trend in Chicago. However, buying interest was generally lacking at the new levels and all sections remained lifeless. **WHEAT.**—United States dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent, Feb, £101.50 nominal direct shipment Tilbury; United States hard winter No 2, 13¼ per cent, Feb, £97.00 nominal direct shipment Tilbury. **MAIZE.**—No 3 yellow American/French, Dec and Jan, £67.25; Feb, £68.00 trans-shipment east coast sellers. All a long ton, cif United Kingdom unless stated.

Warning by Loraine Gold Mines

A warning comes from Mr W. F. Thomas, chairman of Loraine Gold Mines, in his 1973-74 annual report. The mine is running at only 80 per cent of the underground black complement needed and better terms of work are unlikely to show immediate results in a better supply of labour. If the labour scarcity continues, unit costs will rise, making appreciable tonnages of low grade ore now included in reserves unpayable.

By contrast, Mr R. A. Lee, chairman of Tweefontein United Collieries, a Lonrho subsidiary, counts on a further increase in coal output this year even though costs are rising. But this gain will be small against the expected fall in profits from Coronation Syndicate wherein Tweefontein holds a controlling interest. A smaller dividend seems likely and a declaration of around 40 to 50 cents in April next year is indicated.

Coronation Syndicate itself will be hit this year to next September by lower copper prices but the mines do not suffer the problems of South African gold mines. The entire labour force is permanently resident.

Prudential now owns 17 pc of Keyser Ullmann

Prudential Assurance Co said it now beneficially owns 8.735m ordinary shares of Keyser Ullmann Holdings, representing 17.1 per cent of the issued share capital.

On July 10, the Prudential beneficially owned 8.67m shares (16.94 per cent).

Tarmac secures $17.5m medium-term loan

A syndicate of four banks from three countries has agreed to lend Tarmac Limited $17.5m on a seven-year facility.

The banks involved in the transaction, all of which have strong existing connections with Tarmac, are: The Orion Banking Group which has syndicated the facility, International Westminster Limited, Dresdner Bank AG and Bankers Trust Company.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	12 %
FNFC	13 %
*Hill Samuel	●12½ %
C. Hoare & Co ..	★12 %
Lloyds Bank ..	12 %
Midland Bank ..	12 %
Nat Westminster	12 %
Shenley Trust ..	12½ %
20th Cent Bank	12 %
Williams & Glyn's	12 %

* Members of Accepting Houses Committee.

● Demands deposits, 11¼% £10,000 and over.

★ 7-day deposits in excess of £10,000 up to £25,000 10¼%, over £25,000 10¼%.

Wall Street

New York, Dec 27.—Wall Street stock prices were slightly lower in light trading at mid-session. Analysts attributed the decline to tax selling and lack of interest. At noon the Dow Jones industrial average was 1.56 down at 603.18.

Reports at the opening that leading indicators fell 1.5 per cent in November, following a downward-adjusted October decline of 1.0 per cent, and that the US trade deficit was $113m, compared with a $29.4m surplus in October, had already been discounted, analysts said.

New York, Dec 26.—Apparently spurred by growing investor optimism that the United States Government will soon mount a fresh attack on economic and energy problems, the stock market closed higher in quiet trading.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 6.34 points to finish at 604.74, following a 8.76 point advance on Tuesday. Gains outnumbered losses by about 840 to 500.

Volume rose to 11,810,000 shares from 9,540,000 shares in Tuesday's shortened session but was well under Monday's 18,040,000 shares.

Stocks got off to a good start and there were strong gains in the early session, but some failed to hold and were partly erased near the close.

	Dec 26	Dec 24
Allied Chem.	27½	27⅝
Allied Stores	16⅛	16¾
Allied Supermkt.	2	2¼
Allis Chalmers	6⅞	6¾
Alcoa	28¾	29¼
Amax Inc	31⅞	31¼
Amerada Hess	14⅛	14⅛
Am. Airlines	5	5
Am. Brands	30	29¾
Am. Broadcast	13½	12⅞
Am. Can.	28⅞	28⅝
Am. Cyan.	19	19⅛
Am. El. Power	14	13⅞
Am. Home	33	32
Am. Motors	3⅞	3⅞
Am. Nat. Gas	35⅞	35⅞
Am. Smelt.	13¼	13⅛
Am. Standard	8	8
Am. Tel.	44½	44⅛
Amf. Inc.	9⅞	9⅞
Anaconda	13½	13¾
Armco Steel	23¼	23⅞
Ashland Oil	16⅛	16⅞
Atl. Richfield	90½	89⅞
Avco	3¼	3¼
Avon Prod.	26⅞	27⅞
Babcock & Wcox	13	13⅜
Bankers Tst NY	31	30¼
Bank of Am.	31 h	30¾h
Bank of N.Y.	24	23¾
Beat Fds.	14¼	14¼
Bect. Dick	28⅞	28¼
Bell & Howell	10½	10⅞
Bendix	21⅞	21½
Beth. Steel	25	24⅞
Boeing	15⅞	15¾
Boise Cascade	10	10
Borden	19¼	19⅛
Borg Warner	12⅞	12⅞
Bristol Myers	49½	49⅝
BP	5	5⅛
Budd	7⅞	7⅞
Burl. Ind.	13¼	13¾
Burlington Nthn	37½	36¾
Burroughs	74¾	74
Campbell Soup	27	26⅞e
Canadian Pac.	13¼	13⅜
Caterpillar	45¼	44⅞
Celanese	27⅞	27⅞
Central Soya	9⅞	10
Charter N.Y.	18½	18⅜
Chase Manhat.	25⅞	25½
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	30¼	29⅞
Chesapeake Ohio	51½	51⅜
Chrysler	7½	7⅜
Citicorp	27⅞	26⅞e
Cities Serv.	44	44⅜
Clark Equip	19	18¾
Coca Cola	51	50
Colgate	22⅞	22⅜
C.B.S.	30¼	29⅞
Columbia Gas	20¼	20
Comb Eng	24⅞	24¾
Comw. Edison	22⅛	22⅜
Con. Edison	6⅜	6⅜
Cons Foods	11½	11½
Cons Power	9⅛	9¼
Cont. Can.	26	26⅞
Cont. Oil	44½	43
Control Data	10⅛	10
Corning Glass	28¾	28½
C.P.C. Intnl.	32½	33⅞
Crane	29¾	29
Crocker Int	14⅞	14½
Crown Zeller	23¾	23
Dart Ind.	12⅞	12⅞
Deere	41	40¾
Del Monte	20¾	20½
Delta Air	29¼	28⅞
Detroit Edison	7⅞	7⅞
Distil. Seagram	32	32¾
Disney	20⅞	20
Dow Chem.	54¼	53⅞e
Dresser Ind.	43½	43½
Duke Power	10⅞	10⅞
Du Pont	91⅞	90½
Eastern Air	3⅞	3¾
East. Kodak	61⅞	61¼
Eaton Corp.	19⅜	18⅞
El Paso G.	10⅛	10⅞
Equitable Life	10⅞	10¾
Esmark	28	28
Evans P. D.	3⅛	3¼
Exxon Corp	63⅞	62⅞
Firestone	13⅞	13⅞
Fst. Chicago	16⅞	16¼
Fst. Nt. Boston	25¼	24⅞
Fst. Penn Corp	13¼	13½
Ford	34¼	33⅞
G.A.F. Corp.	7	6⅞
Gamble Skogmo	17⅞	17½
Gen. Dynam.	17⅞	17⅞
Gen. Electric	33⅞	33

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Gen Foods	17½	16⅞
Gen. Instr.	4⅞	4⅞
Gen. Mills	39½	39
Gen. Motors	31½	30½
GenPubUtilN.Y.	10⅜	10⅛
Gen. Tel. El.	16⅞	16¼
Gen. Tire	10	10⅛
Genesco	2⅞	2⅞
Georgia Pac	27	27
Getty Oil	150½	145½
Gillette	24⅞	24⅛
Goodrich	13⅞	13¼
Goodyear	12⅞	12⅞
Gould Inc.	14⅛	13⅞
Graco	21½	21⅛
Grant W.T.	1⅝	1⅛
Gt. At. & Pac.	6⅞	6⅞
Greyhound	9⅞	10
Grumman Cp.	9⅞	9½
Gulf Oil	16⅞	16⅞
Gulf Wn. Ind.	24⅞	23⅞
Heinz. H. J.	37⅞	36⅞
Hercules	24⅞	23⅞
Honeywell	19⅞	18⅞
Illinois Cent Ind	10⅞	10⅞
Ingersoll	62⅞	63⅞
Inland Steel	31¼	31¼
I.B.M.	165	167⅞
Int. Harv.	19⅛	19⅛
Int. Nickel	20⅛	19⅞
Int. Paper	32⅞	32½
Int. Tel. Tel.	13⅞	12⅞
Jewel Co	17⅞	17⅛
Jim Walter	22⅞	21½
Johns Manv.	17¼	16⅞
Johnson & John	80⅞	78⅞
Kaiser Alum.	12½	12¾
Kennecott	35¾	36¾
Kerr McGee	70⅛	69⅞
Kimb. Clk.	24⅞	23⅞
Kraftco Cp.	33⅞	32½
Kresge S.S.	27¾	27⅛
Kroger	14⅞	15
Ligg. Myer.	25⅛	25½
L.T.V.	8⅞	9
Litton	3½	3⅛
Lockheed	3⅞	3⅞
Lucky Stores	8	8
Magnavox	3⅞	3⅞
Manuf Hanover	25	24½e
Mapco	27⅞	28⅞
Marathon Oil	34⅞	33⅞
Marcor Inc.	13½	13⅜
Marine Mid.	13⅞	13⅜
Martin Mar.	12⅞	13¼
McDonnell	8	8
Mead	12⅞	13
Merck	65⅞	67½
Minn. Min.	47⅞	47¼
Mobil Oil	35	34⅞
Monsanto	41½	42⅜
Morgan. J. P.	49⅜	48⅜
Motorola	34	33
NCR Corp	14⅞	14¼
NL Ind	11½	11½
Nat. Bisc.	22¾	21⅞
Nat. Distill.	13⅛	13⅜
Nat. Steel	34⅞	34¼
Norfolk West	59⅞	60
NW Bancor	32	31
Norton Simon	10⅞	9⅞
Occ. Pet.	12⅞	12½
Ogden	13¼	13¼
Olin Corp.	14⅞	14⅞
Otis Elev.	23⅞e	23⅞
Owens Ill.	32	36½
Pac. Gas. El.	19⅞	19⅞
Pan. Am.	2⅞	1⅞
Penn. Cent.	1⅞	1⅞
Penney J C	36⅛	35⅞
Pennzoil	16¼	16¼
Pepsico	39	36⅞
Pet Corp	16¼	16¼
Pfizer	30⅞	29⅞
Phelps Dod.	28⅞	28½
Philip Mor.	47⅞	47⅞
Phill. Pet.	43⅞	41¼
Polaroid	18⅞	18⅞
P.P.G. Ind.	22⅞	22½
Proc. Gamble	80⅞	80
Pub.Ser.El & Gas	10⅞	10⅞
Pullman	38½	38⅛
Rapid American	5⅛	5
Raytheon	25½	25⅞
RCA Corp	9⅞	9¼
Repub. Steel	22	21¾
Reynolds Ind.	51	50½
Reynolds Metal	14½	14⅛
Rockwell Int	18¼	19½
Royal Dutch	23⅞	25⅛
Safeways	33⅞	33½
St. Regis	19	19⅛
Santa Fe Ind	27¾	27⅛

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Schering Plough	49⅛	49⅛
Schlumbgr.	106⅞	105½
Scott. Paper	12½	12⅞
Seaboard Coast	28⅛	28⅛
Sears Roe.	48⅞	48
Shell Oil	46	43¼
Shell Trans.	12	11⅞
Signal Co	13½	13⅞
Singer	11	10⅞
Sony	5⅞	5⅞
Sth Cal Edison	17⅞	18
Southern Pac.	26	26
Southern Rly.	42⅞	41¼
Sperry Rand	38 e	35⅞
Squibb	29	29⅛
Std. Brands	54½	54⅞
Std. Oil Cal.	22	22
Std. Oil Ind.	43	43
Std. Oil Ohio	58⅞	57⅞
Sterling Drug	23⅞	23⅛
Stevens J.P.	11⅛	11⅛
Stude Worth	19⅞e	20½
Sunbeam Cp.	11⅞	11⅞
Sundstrand	11⅞	11¼
Sun Oil	35¼	34⅞
Teledyne	10⅛	10⅛
Tenneco	23⅛	23½
Texaco	20½	20⅞
Texas East Trans	27⅞	27¼
Texas Inst.	66½	66⅛
Texas Utilities	20⅞	20
Textron	12⅞	12⅞
T.W.A.	5½	5⅛
Travelers Gp.	18½	19
T.R.W. Inc.	13⅛	13
U.A.L. Inc.	13¼	13½
Unilever Ltd.	15⅛	15⅞
Unilever N.V.	31½	31½
Unionamerica	1⅞	1⅞
Union Bancorp	6⅞	6⅞
Union Carb.	41⅞	41¾
Un. Oil Cal.	37⅞	35⅞
Un. Pacific Corp.	69¼	69⅞
Uniroyal	6	5⅞
United Aircraft	32¼	31½
United Brands	3	3⅛
Utd Merch & Man	12⅞	12⅞
U.S. Industries	2½	2⅛
U.S. Steel	37⅞	37
Wachovia	11½	11⅞
Warner Comm	7½	7¼
Warner Lambert	25⅛	23⅞
Wells Fargo	11⅛	11⅛
West'n Bancorp	15⅞	14⅞
Westghs El.	8⅞	8⅞
Weyerhaeuser	28⅛	28½
Whirlpool	14⅞	14
White Motor	7⅞	8
Woolworth	8⅞	8⅞
Xerox Cp.	50⅞	50½
Zenith	9⅛	9⅛

Canadian Prices

	Dec 24	Dec 23
Abitibi	9⅛	9⅛
Alcan	18⅛	18½
Alg. Steel	24⅞	24⅞
Asbestos	12½	12½
Bell Tel.	43⅞	44½
Can. Sup. Oil	20½	21⅞
Can. Inv. Fd.	4.00	4.00
Cominco	23⅛	24
Cons. Bat.	23	23⅛
Distiller	32¼	32⅞
Falconbridge	29⅛	29½
Gulf Oil	24½	24⅛
Hawker Can.	4.00	3.05
Hud. Bay Min	12⅞	12⅛
Hud. Bay Oil	17¼	16½
I.A.C. Ltd.	16⅛	16⅛
Imasco	23	23⅛
Imp. Oil	22⅞	22⅞
Int. Pipe	11⅞	11
Mass.-Fergsn.	13½	13½
Power Cp.	7⅞	8
Price Bros.	13⅞	13⅛
Royal Trust	21	21
Steel Co.	24¼	24½
Tex. Can.	25⅞	24⅞
Trans. Mnt. Oil	8⅛	8⅛
Walker H.	34⅞	34⅞
W.C.T.	18⅛h	18⅞

e Ex Div. a Asked. c Ex Distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot $2.3335 ($2.3315); three months, $2.2943 ($2.2925); Canadian dollar, 101.18c (101.16c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index fell by 2.41 to 379.71. The futures index was 2.35 lower at 355.25.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 604.74 (598.40); transportation, 141.52 (140.24); utilities, 66.49 (66.69); 65 stocks, 195.83 (194.26).

New York Stock Exchange index, 36.61 (35.30); industrials, 38.48 (38.11); transportation, 25.99 (25.72); utilities, 26.24 (26.16); financial, 38.95 (38.45).

Silver slips after bright start

New York, Dec 26.—Comex silver firmed more than 14 cents at the best levels of the day but later gave way to long profit-taking to close a few cents under the top. Prices showed a 9.40 to 10.20 cents advance on Tuesday. Dec, 480.20c; Jan, 486.20c; Feb, 484.80c; March, 489.50c; May, 498.20c; July, 506.00c; Sept, 513.00c; Dec, 523.20c; Jan, 526.30c; March, 537.70c.

COPPER closed 80 to 100 points up 498.20c; July, 506.00c; Sept, 513.00c; Jan, 55.10c; Feb, 55.80c; March, 56.30c; May, 57.70c; July, 58.90c; 552.70c.

COTTON closed quietly. March, 36.80c; May, 37.40c; July, 38.50-55c; Oct, 40.20-25c; Dec, 41.06c; March, 41.80-2.00c; May, 42.70-90c. Volume 1,500 lots.

COCOA: Futures traded in a limited fashion to close quietly steady at 0.15c lower to 0.15c higher. March, 67.55c; May, 63.45c; July, 60.15c; Sept, 58.05c; Dec, 55.96c; March, 53.95c; May, 52.90c.

Coffee, wool and sugar futures were closed for the holiday.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS: Futures fell to their lowest levels since the end of July. January delivery sank to a 22-week low of $6.97¼ a bushel. At the same time March wheat and maize futures hit their lowest points in 13 weeks, at $4.50 and $3.35 a bushel respectively.

WHEAT closed weak 4¼ to 12½ lower. March, 449½-51c; May, 444-45c; July, 412-14c; Sept, 420c; Dec, 428c. **MAIZE** closed weak 9¼ to 7½c lower. March, 333½-4½c; May, 334¾-35c; July, 330¼c; Sept, 308.08¼c; Dec, 282c; March, 287. **OATS** closed weak 5 to 6c lower. March, 158¼c; May, 160½c; July, 155¾c; Sept, 147 asked; Dec, 155¼ asked.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorised Unit Trusts			
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd, Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9775			
48.1	21.1	Giants	19.4	21.3	5.90
43.6	22.1	Do Accum	20.4	22.3	5.90
44.7	19.2	Growth	17.7	19.5	6.60
35.2	20.0	Do Accum	18.5	20.3	6.60
45.5	21.8	Income	19.7	22.0	10.00
40.9	23.6	Do Accum	21.5	23.8	10.00
37.2	15.0	Int Accum	14.8	15.8	3.50
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers, 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296-5941			
25.3	10.8	Abbey Capital	10.8	11.5	7.59
47.5	19.2	Abbey General	18.7	19.9	6.59
29.0	11.0	Do Income	12.8	13.7	10.70
25.8	13.4	Do Invest	13.2	14.1	7.18
		Alben Trust Managers Ltd, 14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2 01-588 6371			
81.3	34.0	Alben Trst	31.7	34.1	4.40
53.1	25.4	Do Income*	23.8	25.6	10.39
		Allied Hambro Group, Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex 01-588 2851			
71.6	30.1	Allied Capital	29.2	31.1	9.06
62.7	31.4	Do 1st	30.5	32.5	8.21
63.7	29.5	Brit Ind 2nd	28.6	30.5e	9.19
38.9	17.0	Growth & Inc	16.4	17.5	9.02
32.3	14.6	Elec & Ind Dev	14.1	15.0e	9.44
37.6	24.5	Met Min & Cmdty	23.9	25.5	7.67
58.3	29.3	High Income	28.0	29.9	9.83
38.6	17.2	Equity Income	16.4	17.5	10.80
24.6	14.1	International	15.8	16.8	2.13
25.0	25.0	HighYieldFnd	23.7	25.2	12.00
115.8	43.8	Hambro Fnd	43.0	45.8e	9.73
53.7	22.9	Do Income	22.0	23.4	11.64
98.5	44.3	Do Recovery	42.6	45.4	12.87
30.1	10.2	Do Smaller	10.0	10.7	10.79
25.9	12.3	Do Accum	12.0	12.8	7.80
28.1	13.7	2nd Smaller	13.0	13.9	9.72
50.8	30.4	Secs of America	29.8	31.8e	3.13
101.6	69.5	Exempt Fnd	84.9	89.5	8.06
		Ansbacher Unit Management Co Ltd, 1 Noble Street, London, EC2V 7JH. 01-606 4010			
42.4	18.6	Nth American	19.6	21.8	4.03
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd, 252 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5531			
25.0	25.0	UnicornAmer	24.2	25.5e	3.43
69.5	35.7	Aust Income	42.5	45.9	4.47
79.6	43.2	Do Accum	50.2	54.2	4.47
78.3	27.8	Unicorn Capital	27.2	29.1	8.53
75.7	30.2	Exempt*	30.5	31.8e	11.22
23.3	11.1	Extra Income	10.9	11.8	14.11
66.6	25.0	Financial	24.5	26.2e	8.05
68.6	25.4	Unicorn '500'	25.4	27.2	11.30
34.6	12.0	General	11.9	12.7	11.14
40.0	14.9	Growth Accum	14.7	15.7	9.20
75.8	30.0	Income	29.8	31.7	11.04
32.0	13.0	Recovery	14.3	15.3	10.91
125.0	46.4	Trustee	45.8	48.7	8.90
50.1	22.4	Worldwide	33.6	35.6	4.62
100.4	96.7	B'ist Inv Fnd	95.1	98.0	7.10
100.4	97.2	Do Accum	95.5	98.5	7.10
		Brandts Ltd, 36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3 01-626 6599			
143.0	86.0	Brandts Cap (4)	83.0	89.0	2.63
146.0	91.0	Do Accum (4)	90.0	96.0e	3.37
141.0	75.0	Brandts Inc (4)	74.0	79.0e	9.24
		Bridge Trust Management Co Ltd, Plantation Hse, Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
109.0	52.0	Bridge Ex (2)	50.0	54.0	5.57
226.0	76.0	Do Inc (2)	110.0	118.0e	12.91
212.0	80.0	Do Cap (2)	75.0	80.0e	4.91
216.0	83.0	DoCapAcc* (2)	80.0	85.0e	4.91
116.0	46.0	O'seas Inc (3)	43.0	46.0	8.50
116.0	48.0	Do Accum (3)	43.0	48.0	8.50
		The British Life, Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
50.0	23.1	British Life	22.0	22.9	9.50
32.7	17.7	Balanced (2)	17.2	18.1	8.30

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Jascot Securities Ltd, 21 Young St, Edinburgh. 031-225 6762			
27.6	12.7	Compound (1)	11.4	12.7	15.49
39.0	14.4	Do Accum (1)	13.1	14.4	15.49
39.0	13.0	8% Wdraw (1)	11.7	13.0	..
24.0	18.7	Preference	17.8	18.8	17.53
24.0	19.9	Do Accum	18.9	19.9	17.33
26.6	9.8	Cap (2)	9.1	10.1e	..
36.2	11.1	Aust Comp Fnd	10.2	11.3	7.73
25.4	10.6	6% W'draw	9.7	10.8	..
31.5	14.8	Sector Ldrs (3)	14.2	15.1	7.90
24.3	6.3	Fin & Prop (3)	[illegible]	6.7	7.46
41.5	21.6	Int Growth (4)	19.6	21.6	4.73
25.7	13.2	Nth Sea (3)	11.9	13.2	4.70
45.0	22.6	Commodity (5)	21.1	22.6	10.41
49.1	25.0	Do Accum (5)	22.9	26.9	10.11
49.1	24.2	10% W'draw (5)	21.7	24.2e	..
		Key Fund Managers, 25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
79.0	32.5	Cap Fund	31.5	33.5	7.11
97.9	49.5	Exempt Fnd (36)	46.6	49.5	12.43
50.2	33.1	Inc Fnd	31.9	33.9e	14.29
99.1	42.0	KPIF	41.2	43.6	6.50
		Lawson Securities, 63 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911			
24.6	21.4	Gilt&Warrant	20.3	21.7	3.80
98.0	83.6	High Yield Fnd	77.6	82.6e	18.20
96.5	84.9	Do Accum	80.6	85.0e	18.20
48.0	48.3	Scottish Res	45.8	46.8	10.00
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund, 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
60.0	23.6	Dist	22.4	23.6	9.58
62.0	26.2	Accum	24.8	26.2	9.58
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers, 71 Lombard Street, London, EC3. 01-626 1500			
53.6	18.5	1st Inc	18.5	19.6	10.38
60.9	23.5	Do Accum	22.5	23.9	10.38
56.2	20.7	2nd Inc	20.4	21.7e	7.91
60.6	25.9	Do Accum	23.5	25.0	7.91
76.5	32.5	3rd Inc	31.8	33.8	13.86
80.3	37.9	Do Accum	37.1	39.4	13.86
		Morgan Grenfell Funds, 23 Gt Winchester St, London, EC2. 01-588 4545			
148.5	70.2	Cap (3)	67.3	72.0e	3.90
113.0	51.5	Exempt (36)	49.0	51.5	8.30
51.5	24.7	Inc (3)	23.2	25.2	11.00
15.11	7.11	Im Agency (4) £	6.85	7.36	3.00
		M & G Securities, Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
150.7	80.3	M & G General	76.3	80.5e	8.33
199.8	105.5	Do Accum	103.4	109.1	8.33
150.2	75.1	2nd Gen	73.4	77.4e	7.38
188.2	100.6	Do Accum	98.2	103.6	7.38
139.1	52.0	Mid & Gen	50.8	53.6e	11.56
176.6	72.1	Do Accum	70.4	74.3	11.56
96.8	39.3	Div Fnd	38.1	40.4e	14.64
136.7	67.3	Do Accum	60.0	63.3	14.64
141.8	60.4	Special Trst	57.2	60.4	6.27
152.3	67.6	Do Accum	64.1	67.6	6.27
264.0	56.3	Magnum Fnd	136.3	143.4	5.44
282.9	147.4	Do Accum	151.9	156.7	5.44
59.5	26.9	FITS	27.2	27.6e	6.09
73.4	29.5	Do Accum	28.7	30.3	6.09
90.8	47.3	Compound	46.3	48.8	5.62
142.1	78.9	Recovery	75.7	79.9	10.16
50.0	24.9	Extra Yield	24.1	25.4e	16.93
50.0	26.9	Do Accum	26.0	27.4	16.02
117.0	68.9	Japan	68.5	73.3	..
56.9	36.8	Euro & Gen	35.3	37.6	2.85
49.0	18.5	American & Gen	19.9	20.1	4.42
56.1	26.8	Australasian	[illegible]	36.3	3.64
52.7	20.9	Far East Inc	[illegible]	21.4	2.78
52.7	21.2	Do Accum	20.4	21.7	2.78
140.9	53.5	Trustee Fnd	52.9	55.5	10.95
200.7	86.2	Do Accum	84.7	89.0	10.95
153.9	59.7	Charifund* (2)	60.1	61.1	11.74
136.0	52.5	Pension* (1)	51.5	54.3	9.61
43.7	19.4	NAACIF	19.6	..	e17.35
65.7	47.2	Do Accum	47.6	..	17.35
60.7	30.6	M&GConv	31.1	32.8	2.60
74.2	32.9	Clyde Gen	31.7	33.4e	8.30

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Scotbits Securities Ltd,			
58.6	22.8	Scotbits	21.4	22.9	4.80
51.8	23.2	Scotyields	21.7	23.2	11.01
64.2	24.6	Scotgrowth	23.6	25.1	6.42
58.0	23.0	Scotshares	21.5	23.0e	8.57
290.5	133.5	Scotfunds	129.1	134.9	3.33
58.3	20.7	Scotincome	20.2	21.3	12.10

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		City of Westminster Assurance Co, 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 6044 Valuation last working day of month.			
46.1	40.9	W'minster Units	40.9	42.9	..
68.2	56.0	Land Bank	60.4	..	..
44.5	36.6	Speculator	38.6	..	..
156.0	131.0	Prop Annuity	132.0	134.6	..
100.4	100.0	Inv Option Bnd	100.4	105.6	..

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Prudential Pensions Ltd, Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
19.04	5.37	Equity	£ 5.12	5.37	..
10.93	10.07	Fixed Int	£ 9.57	10.02	..
19.60	12.52	Property	£ 15.97	16.46	..
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170.1	136.6	Rel Prop Bnd	136.8	..	..

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BIRTHS

CHURCHER.—On December 24th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jane (nee Kelly) and Bryan Churcher, a daughter (Nicola Jane).

HALFORD.—On December 12th, to John and Valerie, a daughter, Sally Elizabeth.

HUDSON.—On Christmas eve, at Northwick Park Hospital, to Diane (nee Allen) and John Hudson, a daughter (Emma Jane).

LABES.—On 15th December, in Hong Kong, to Ginny and Claus Labes—a daughter.

LAURIE.—On Christmas day, at Queen Charlottes Hospital, to Duncan and Day, a daughter, [illegible] Meriol.

MASSEY.—On December 25, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Susan (nee Streatfeild) and Nigel Massey, a son (James Streatfeild Gerald).

RICKETTS.—On 24th December at King's College Hospital, to Ann (nee Lewis) and Tristram—a son, [illegible] Tristram.

SEETAHUL.—On Christmas day, at the Westminster Hospital, to Sharon and Steven (Sonah), a [illegible] boy.

WHYATT.—On Christmas Eve, at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, to Nancy and William—a son, a brother for Sarah, John Paul and Antonia.

MARRIAGES

DOLING : THOMPSON.—Maurice, of Constantia Rise, St. Saviour, to [illegible], of Douro Terrace, St. Helier, at Parish Church, St. Helier, on 23rd December, 1974.

RUBY WEDDINGS

STRAFFORD : MEYRICK.—On December 28th, 1934, at All Saints, Hove, Cecil Hamilton Strafford to Gwendolen Clara [illegible] Meyrick. Present address: Southfield, 16 Kingsley Avenue, Camberley, Surrey.

DEATHS

ALEXANDER, EDITH, aged 85, [illegible] on December 25th, dear friend of the Van den Bergh family and previously of [illegible] Hart [illegible].

ATKINSON.—On Christmas Day, peacefully, in her 87th year, Laura Aymer, widow of Lt.-Col. G. P. Atkinson, D.S.O., M.C., of Clary Cottage, Newbury, Berkshire, dearly loved mother of [illegible] and Reggie, a very dear grandmother of Peter and Ann and great-grandmother of James, Jonathan and Caroline. Funeral service St. George's Church, Wash Common, Newbury, on Monday, 30th December, 1974, at 2.15 p.m. No flowers by request, but donations to St. George's Church, Wash Common, if desired.

BANNATYNE.—On December 27th, 1974, peacefully, at her home, Field Cottage, Bibury, Gloucestershire, Frances Nesta Bannatyne (nee Holland), aged 93, widow of A. G. Bannatyne. Service, Bibury Parish Church, at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 2nd Jan., 1975. No mourning, by request.

BEAUMONT, JOHN FITZROY.—On Christmas Day, aged 54 years, dearly loved husband of Geraldine and father of Timothy, Simon and Stephen, and much-loved grandfather. Family service at Wotton-under-Edge, 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, 31st December, followed by cremation. No flowers. If desired donations for Cancer Research to John Grimes, Gloucester Street, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos.

BOROUGH.—On Christmas Day, 1974, Cynthia Mabel Borough, late of Chetwynd Park, Shropshire. Funeral Chetwynd Parish Church, Tuesday, December 31st, 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, but if desired offerings for Chetwynd Parish Church.

BURCHELL.—Suddenly, on Christmas Day at Hove, Sussex, [illegible] Charles, T.D., D.L., beloved husband of Doris and father of David and Bill. Cremation service at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton, at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, 2nd January, 1975. Flowers if desired, to Harringtons, Montefiore Rd., Hove. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for his life at All Saints Church, The Drive, Hove, at 2.30 p.m., on Friday, 24th January 1975.

BYLAND.—On December 21st, 1974, Emily F. "Gran" passed peacefully away at 1077, Oxford Road, Tilehurst, Reading. Funeral on Thursday, January 2nd, service Henley Road Cemetery, Caversham, Reading at 11.0 a.m. Flowers may be sent to Oxford Road.

CARR.—On December 25th, in hospital, Hugh Dixon Carr, aged 50 years, of Heatherdene, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley, Yorks. Cremation at Skipton, on Tuesday, December 31st, at 11.30 a.m. No flowers or letters, please.

DALRYMPLE-HAMILTON.—On December 26th, 1974, Admiral Sir Frederick Hew George Dalrymple-Hamilton, K.C.B., of Bargany, in his 85th year. Family funeral service at Bargany, on Monday, December 30th, at 2.30 p.m., followed by burial at Old Dailly. Memorial service in Dailly Parish Church, nr. Girvan, Ayrshire, on Wednesday, January 15th, at 2.30 p.m.

DRAGE.—Rowena Mary, on December 25th, at Ashwell House, Odiham, peacefully in her sleep. Funeral private, no flowers or letters please.

EASTLAND.—On 23rd December, 1974, peacefully, in hospital, in her 79th year, Dorothy Minnie Adelaide Eastland, of Broadstairs. All inquiries to Blackburns Funeral Service. Tel: Thanet [illegible].

ELLIS.—On Friday, 20th December, Grant William, aged 3 months, suddenly in his sleep in Oxford, younger son of Geoffrey and Veronica, deeply mourned by all his family.

FRIEND, SYLVIA.—In Jersey on Tuesday, December 24th, 1974, beloved wife of James Arthur Friend, devoted mother of John Hall and Phyllida Robertson, after a long illness most bravely borne. Funeral private. Memorial service Staffordshire later.

GIFFARD.—On 26th December, peacefully in hospital, Mary Marjorie (Polly), aged 80, daughter of the late Henry Purcell Gifford, of Lockeridge. Funeral at St. Michael's, West Overton, Marlborough, at 2 p.m., Tuesday, 31st December. Flowers to Thomas Free and Son, Marlborough.

GORDON, SYBIL MARY.—On December 24th, 1974, aged 86 years, at Hembury Fort Guest House, Honiton. Cremation at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium, Topsham Rd., Exeter, Monday, December 30th, at 2.30 p.m.

HEYWORTH.—On Christmas morning Spencer Heyworth, M.B.E., F.I.L., aged 57, father of Margot Johnstone Strickland and Xavier Johnstone Heyworth, wandering scholar and lover of Spain. R.I.P.

HINCHLIFF-MATHEW.—On 21st December, 1974, peacefully, in his 85th year, at Los Flamencos, [illegible], Argentina, David, husband of "Dillo" (nee Charmion Digby-Murray) and second son of the late Paymaster-in-Chief, George F. Mathew, R.N., of Dovercourt, Essex.

HONNYWILL.—Suddenly and peacefully, on December 23rd, Judith Eleanor, beloved wife of Robin and dearly loved mother of Jennifer, Colin and Elizabeth. Service at St. George's, Benenden, on Thursday, 2nd January, at 2 p.m., followed by private cremation. Cut flowers may be sent to: F. W. Faggle & Son, Tenterden.

JOYNSON.—On December 25th, 1974, peacefully at [illegible] Nursing Home, Elizabeth Helen (nee Fleet), aged 87 years, widow of Bertrand [illegible] and Lt.-Col. W. O. H. Joynson. Requiem mass at St. Anne's, Brockenhurst, Hampshire, on Tuesday, December 31st, at 12 noon; also at Corpus Christi Church, Tonbridge, Kent. Cut flowers only please. Enquiries to W. Hodges & Co., Sevenoaks 54457.

KAYSER, JOAN BORRADAILE.—Peacefully on 25th December, after a long illness, borne with magnificent courage. Cremation in Belgium. Date of memorial service in England, probably in April, will be announced later. Eternal love for Gerald, Peter, Sally, Oliver and Yasmin.

KERR.—On 26th December, 1974, after a short illness, Sir Hamilton William Kerr, Bart., of The Mill House, Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire.

KLINKHARDT.—On 24th December, 1974, suddenly at her home, [illegible] Park Court, Burgess Hill, Sussex, Cecilia Carlile, beloved wife of Frank Pennington Klinkhardt. Cremation at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Tuesday, December 31st, at 12.15 p.m. No flowers by request.

LENOX-CONYNGHAM.—On 26th December, at Coney Hill Hospital, Gloucester, Patrick Lenox-Conyngham, B.A., born 20th January, 1912, son of the late Colonel Hubert Lenox-Conyngham, D.S.O., M.C., and Eva Lenox-Conyngham, O.B.E., brother of Mary.

LUNT.—On December 23rd, suddenly, Helen, dear wife of Alan, and mother of Margaret and John. Funeral service at St. Peters Church, Petersfield, on Tuesday, 31st December, at 10.30 a.m., followed by private cremation. Simple flowers only by her request.

MAWSON.—On 26 December, 1974, peacefully, at 123 Kenilworth Avenue, Wimbledon, SW19, the *Rev. William Henry Mawson,* of St. Germans, Cornwall, formerly Principal of the College of St. Mark and St. John, Chelsea and Plymouth, and previously H.M. Inspector of Schools in Yorkshire and Bedfordshire. A much loved husband, father and grandfather. No flowers, please.

MILLER.—On Christmas Day, suddenly, at 22 Westway, Fulwood, Preston, Lancs, Gerard Miller, dearly loved husband of Eileen and dear father of Edgar, O.S.B. Fortified with the rites of Holy Church. R.I.P. No flowers, please, but if so desired donations to Worcester College for the Blind, Worcester. Requiem mass, St. Gregory the Great, Preston, today, Saturday, 28th December, at 10 a.m.

MUNBY.—On 26th December, 1974, Alan Noel Latimer Munby, T.D., Litt.D., Fellow and Librarian of King's College, Cambridge, husband of Sheila and father of Giles, of 24, Millington Road, Cambridge. Cremation private. Memorial service in King's College Chapel, Cambridge, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, 1st February, 1975.

OKELL.—Peacefully on 25th December, 1974, Dorothy Gladis Okell, aged 79, beloved wife of the late professor C. C. Okell, mother of Monica and grandmother of Andrew and Rebecca. Funeral provisionally arranged at Holton Church, at 2 pm on Tuesday, 31st December.

PATTINSON.—On 26th December, suddenly and peacefully, at the Nuffield Nursing Home, Plymouth, Celia Holliott, much loved wife of the late Engineer Captain John Pattinson, R.N., and beloved mother and grandmother. Funeral service at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, 2 p.m., Thursday, 2nd January. Flowers to Chapel of Repose, G. Fleman, Lissom Grove, Plymouth.

PIERCE.—On 25th December, in hospital and of 21 Cleveleys Avenue, Cleveleys, Ernest Richard, aged 74 years, the beloved husband of Kathleen and father of Joy. Service at Cleveleys Park Methodist Church on Monday at 11 a.m., followed by cremation, Carleton Crematorium, 11.40 a.m.

PONTIFEX.—On December 26th, Rt. Revd. Mervyn Charles, 1st Abbot of Ealing. Requiem Mass at Ealing Abbey, on January 2nd, at 3.30 p.m.

ROSS.—On December 24th, 1974, Marjorie Ross, of 5 The Ley, Hensington Gate, Woodstock, beloved mother of Jill. Funeral service, St. Aldate's Church, Oxford, Monday, December 30th, at 11.45 am, followed by cremation.

TAYLOR.—On December 26th, 1974, in his 90th year, peacefully in hospital, James Edward John Taylor, of Absaloms, Underriver, Kent. Funeral service at the Underriver Parish Church, Monday, December 30th, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Enquiries to W. Hodges & Co., Sevenoaks, 54457.

TENNANT.—On 26th December, 1974, David John Brinsley, suddenly, in hospital, following an operation. Funeral private. Memorial service in London, date to be announced.

VERNOR MILES.—25th December, 1974, in Carmel, California, U.S.A., peacefully after a long illness, Ernest of Porchester Gate, London, much loved husband of Mollie and father of John, Hilary, Nicholas and Faith. Private funeral in California requiem mass, at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place, London, at 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 7th January, 1975.

WILSON.—On Christmas Eve, 1974, at Kirklands, Ulverston, peacefully, Aline Mar Wilson, daughter of the late Herbert Edward and Florence Aline Wilson and aunt of Tony and Michael Kennedy. Service at Holy Trinity Church, Ulverston, on Tuesday, December 31st at 1.45 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers, please.

FUNERALS

SORRELL, ALAN. Funeral at Sutton Rd. Cemetery, Southend-on-Sea, on Tuesday, December 31st, at 2.45 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

AUSTIN.—A memorial service for Lt.-Col. Clive Austin, D.L., J.P., late R.A., will be held in Winchester Cathedral on Tuesday, 14th January, at 2.30 p.m.

MARTIN.—A Thanksgiving Service for the ministry of the Very Rev. George Martin, CBE, will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, London, S.W.7 on Tuesday, January 7th, 1975 at 2 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

HODGSON, FRANCIS EVERARD, air-gunner, R.A.F.V.R., barrister at law. Chuffy, beloved for all time. Mort pour la patrie, December 29th, 1944, returning from Gelsenkirchen, aged 29. "With God tomorrow, yesterday, today . . . all these are one and evermore shall be."

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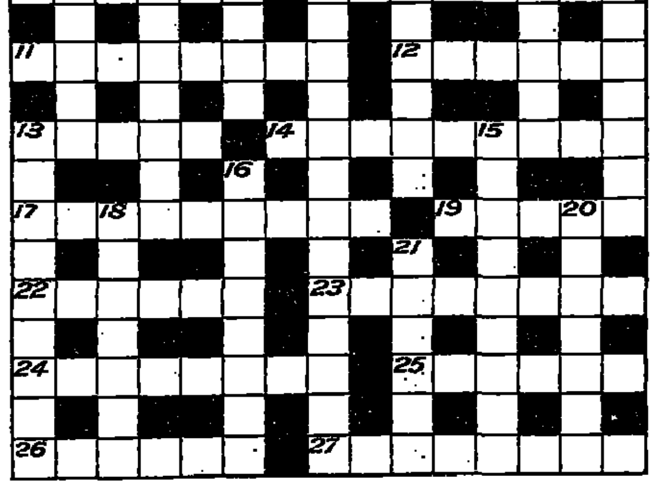

ACROSS
1 Give a chap time to become forceful in speech (8).
6 Biblical maid-of-all-work (6).
9 Father gets back nothing that's material (6).
10 *They're close enough, but not to touch* (8).
11 Where Cook might "go the whole hog" (8).
12 No entrance fee for this trip? (6).
13 New ones after cabinet reshuffles? (5).
14 One may be inclined to defer making it (9).
17 It grows on you, old man! (9).
19 Does daily work in chambers, without honour (5).
22 Destructive sort of mortar (6).
23 A drink about five—time for another? (8).
24 *Bird seen* to alight by a perch (8).
25 One with an eye to business at the dressmaker's (6).
26 They're useless if threadbare (6).
27 Pre-radio loud-speakers (8).

DOWN
2 Cost of making slow boats fast perhaps (7).
3 Tuneful mountain goat? (4-5).
4 Cuts in various uniform items (6).
5 Do they ring round the Garden of England? (10, 5).
6 Mississippi flower. Gaylord's bride (8).
7 The cause of a twist in roots (7).
8 *They take things over, like the revision of Genesis* (9).
13 In the garden, Alison is told not to get on with the spadework (9).
15 Natural description of a vacuum (9).
16 Just the people to ginger things up? (3-5).
18 English queen, the one Lear confounded (7).
20 This soldier is not necessarily an orderly (7).
21 A scene of action between the trees (6).

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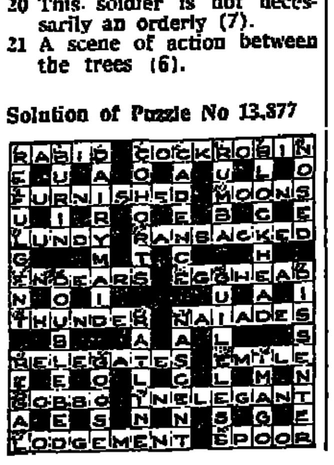

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